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State inspector finds jail fully compliant

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) recently notified Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield that the county jail meets compliance with the Administrative Rules for Jails and Lockups. This is the jail's second consecutive compliance.

"The guys and gals who work in the jail have been doing a magnificent job," said Wakefield. "We have been so full in the last several months that without them, this could not have happened." Wakefield also commended Jail Administrator Capt. Scott Feldhauser.

The final 2004 inspection of the jail was performed on April 15 by the state's County Jail Services Unit's Correctional Facility Specialist Wayne Schaudt. Corrections Officer Sgt. James Golinick represented the Sheriff's Office during an exit conference with Schaudt.

The inspection is performed to determine compliance with state standards and other applicable statutes for housing inmates in county jails. It also provides a document for follow-up and to

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Home from the front



Photos by Linda Golinick

The 745th Explosive Ordnance Detachment returned home after 18 months deployment as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom to a private gathering of family and close friends on April 23 at Camp Grayling. A "missing man" flyover by three helicopters honored Staff Sgt. Michael J. Sutter of Tinley Park, IL who was killed last December by an undetected explosive device just after defusing another. The unit performed about 500 missions and recovered about 25,000 explosives in Iraq.



Funding cuts may lead to program cuts

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Upcoming financial problems were faced by the Crawford AuSable School Board at the second financial workshop held April 20. Superintendent Milli Haug and Business Manager Michael Dunckel presented the board with the latest information regarding financial cuts. They were just informed on Monday that all "Title" programs will be cut by approximately 17 percent for the upcoming school year.

The federal Title program funding is used to pay for materials and personnel who deal with children who need extra help in the academic areas, technology, classroom size reduction and professional development among other things.

The way the school population is counted has also been changed in a way that does not help the district which will also have a negative effect on revenues.

Due to conservative budgeting for the current school year and the number of retirements and resignations the district may be okay financially for the 2004-05 school year provided they do not

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Murder suspect's hearing delayed

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The preliminary examination of a suspect in the 2001 murder of Shane Piehl, originally scheduled for April 15 in 87th District Court, has been delayed.

Michael Patrick Bergan, age 42 of Grayling, was arraigned in January on a charge of open murder and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony in connection with the May 29, 2001 shooting death of 21-year old Piehl in what Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss said was a drug deal gone wrong.

Piehl, who had injured his back in a snowboarding accident, had a history of selling his prescription painkillers on the street.

Visiting District Court Judge Lynn Buday granted the request by Bergan's attorney, Peter H. Shumar for up to \$2,000 to hire a private investigator as part of his defense, delaying the preliminary hearing for about 60 days. Huss said he doesn't expect the hearing to be scheduled before July.

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Local artist in prestigious international show

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Grayling wildlife artist Kim Diment has had one of her paintings selected for display in the "Art of the Animal Kingdom" juried show at Bennington, Vermont. The show, which runs from June 12 through August 15, will have a total of 60 works comprised of paintings and sculptures from artists across the world.

The painting selected by the committee is called *Otter Confusion* which shows the play-

fulness and movement of otters in water.

Diment has been a very successful wildlife artist and several of her paintings have been selected as duck stamps.

However, Diment never stops learning. She is currently taking classes at Kirtland Community College and will be heading out to Wyoming this summer for a workshop. Her paintings have always been very realistic including the backgrounds but

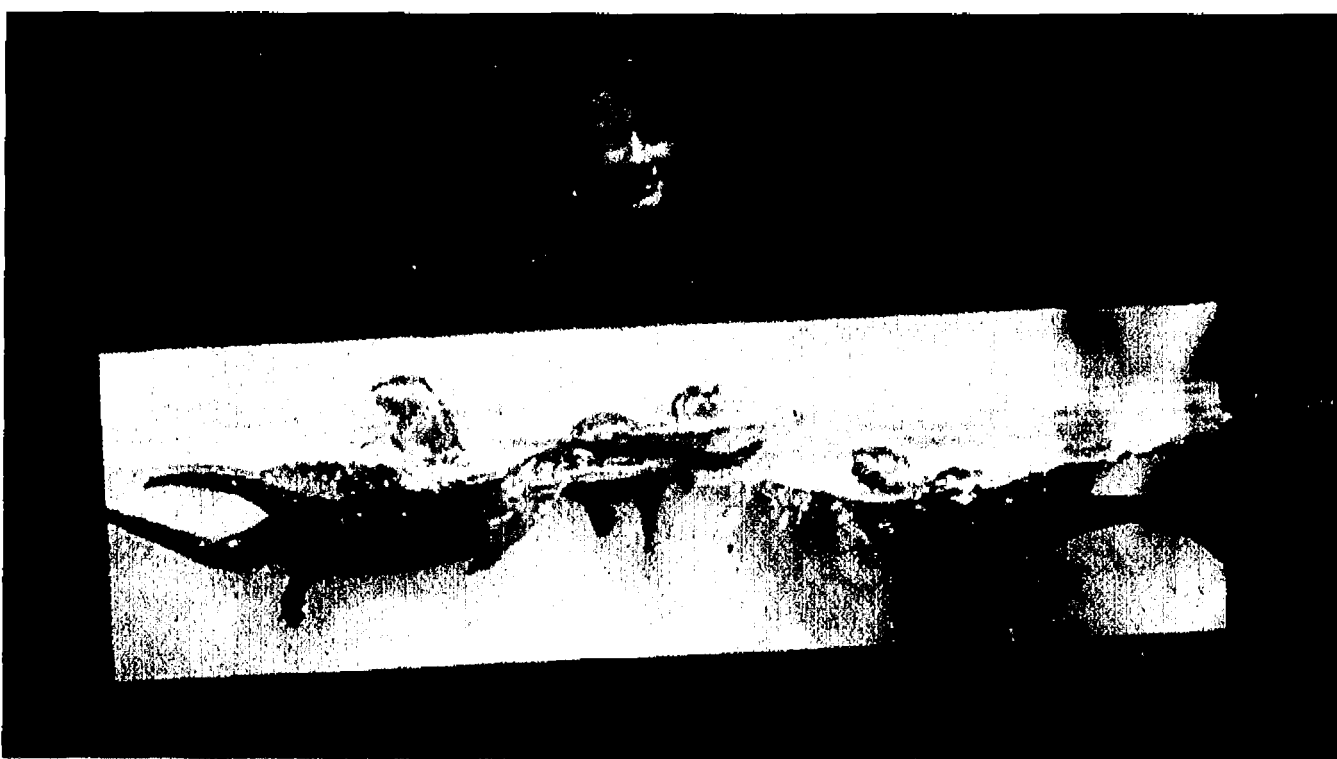
with her painting of an African saddlebill stork she tried some-

thing different - making the background a color block study instead of the natural habitat of the stork.

She has submitted the painting for consideration at another international show.

Prints of her paintings are available at Fannie Finns in Grayling, the Blue Heron in Elk Rapids and Northwoods in Atlanta.

For more information, or to view some of her paintings visit her website at www.kimdiment.com.



Photos by Susan Warrington

Local wildlife artist Kim Diment holds *Otter Confusion*, a painting which has been accepted into the Bennington Center for the Arts juried show.



Diment's most recent duck stamp entry *Ringnecks and Big Mac* is shown below and *Saddlebill Study* is shown above.



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Drill provides answers for emergency workers

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford County's annual disaster preparedness exercise was conducted April 22, involving local law enforcement, emergency management, the health department, emergency medical personnel and the hospital.

Each year a drill scenario is prepared, but the exact "disaster" to be handled is not fully known until the mock events begin to unfold.

This year's drill at Mercy Hospital followed this scenario (remember, this was only a test of the local emergency preparedness system):

Over the past eight years, members of a terrorist organization have purchased about 100 small, single engine planes - two per state who plan to target small towns where people "feel safe" for the disbursement of the anthrax virus.

As part of the exercise, the scenario concerns the terrorists staging in Prudenville to target northern Michigan counties. One of the planes is loaded with six bags or about 150 pounds of anthrax and takes off at 11 a.m. to spread the anthrax during the lunch rush in Roscommon and Crawford Counties.

The terrorists plot a course from north to south to empty the bags one at a time, hoping to infect 25 to 50 percent of the population. One entire bag is mistakenly dropped from the plane, landing in a schoolyard. The substance covers several students who are taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling with cutaneous exposure. Several teachers then arrive at Mercy's Prudenville clinic with possible exposure.

The drill included the Michigan Department of Community Health testing the



Photo by Susan Warrington

Children of Mercy Hospital employees participated in the annual disaster exercise on April 22 portraying victims of possible anthrax exposure. It was also Take Your Daughters/Sons to Work Day.

substance and confirmed the presence of weapons grade anthrax spores. All local emergency preparedness partners are notified and an emergency operations center is activated.

Health officials decide there is no way to determine the extent of the anthrax exposure and begin the process of making sure everyone in the county receives antibiotics, but there is a 12 hour wait for the arrival of the drugs.

In the meantime, Beaver Creek Township Fire Department sets up a decontamination area by the hospital's Emergency Room entrance and

the Incident Command is established, as well as the coordination of the labor pool and security needed to handle the incident.

Each year following the mock disaster exercise, participants critique the effectiveness of local preparedness for a disaster. Mercy's Director of Emergency Services, Pattie Walker, said the exercise went "excellently" with added active participants of health department officials who set up a clinic for assessment and administration of antibiotics at Grayling Elementary School.

Walker reported that Jan Davis, Michigan's coordinator

for the Strategic National Stockpile of medicines in the event of a disaster also participated in the drill.

She also commended Beaver Creek fire officials who serve as the county's Hazardous Materials or HazMat Team for their work with hospital employees during the decontamination process. "The interoperability between agencies and the hospital was very apparent. As a result of last year's drill (which involved a possible small pox outbreak) went much smoother and everyone feels a lot better prepared because of that drill," Walker said.

Even with the success of the drill, some shortcomings were found in the area of communication between the hospital, the county and the Prudenville clinic, but Walker said grant funds will cover the cost of equipping the hospital with 800 mhz radios to be used for direct communication instead of relying on telephone lines, found to be in short supply as the drill progressed.

Walker also indicated that Homeland Security grant funds were used to train hospital staff in HazMat procedure, as well as provide decontamination suits. Beaver Creek fire officials expressed a desire to work with the hospital for more frequent drill opportunities.

Two areas of manpower were discovered to be short-handed - that of security at the hospital in the event of a large-scale contamination of anthrax, as well as staff members fully trained in HazMat procedure. "If this had been a real scenario, we would have not had enough people trained," she said.

"With each drill, we learn more about disaster preparedness," Walker said, "and I think we are doing a very good job for the community."

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Old library to be cleaned, renovated

► Water line break results in damage; grant to fund renovation

The City of Grayling is in the process of getting the old Crawford County Library Building cleaned, following the discovery of a water line rupture at the facility. The damage that resulted from the leak is covered by the city's insurance, City Manager Allen Lowe said.

City DPW workers recently discovered the water line break

and the damage it caused. The new water meters, which tip off the meter reader if a reading is significantly higher or lower than normal, helped the crew discover the problem, Lowe said.

The meter showed an unusually high reading due to the water line leak.

DPW workers emptied the water, and the city is now looking into finding a company to clean up the damage. The building was basically vacant except for a few leftover shelves.

"There really wasn't anything to damage," Lowe said. "(The

city's) insurance will cover the damages."

The damage includes mold and a few ruined ceiling tiles, Lowe said.

Last year, the city applied for grant money through a Department of Natural Resources program for its park, and part of the grant application includes money for renovations of the old library building, which the city owns.

Over the winter, the grant was approved, and the city must now wait for the money to be appropriated. In addition to renovations for the library building, the

grant proposal also contains plans for replacing the pedestrian bridge at the city park, rearranging the parking at the location, adding a kids' fishing area, and installing a canoe/kayak launch.

The grant total is \$465,300, which includes \$348,000 from the DNR and \$117,300 in matching funds from the City of Grayling.

Exact plans for renovations of the library building have not yet been determined. The city council has discussed the possibility of adding public restrooms to the facility.

Bringing old church to farm park a challenge

► Foundation offers \$10,000 challenge grant for church project

The Charles J. Strosacker Foundation of Midland has awarded Wellington Farm Park a \$10,000 challenge grant towards completion of the Stittsville Church Project.

Park officials were notified of this donation in early March. The Strosacker Foundation will provide the award if Wellington is able to raise an additional \$40,000 in funds to support moving the church from its present location in Norwich Township to a new permanent home at the

park.

A total of about \$50,000 is needed to physically move the church, set it on a new foundation at the park, and complete minor restorative work.

Stittsville is a small, rural community that shows up on the Michigan map about 15 miles due west of Higgins Lake. It's left over from the days of lumbering and early excursions into northern agriculture. Around 1880, the residents built a small church adjacent to the local cemetery. The church was Methodist and was served by a circuit-riding minister from nearby Moorestown.

For years, the Stittsville Church served as the focal point for the farmers and loggers in

and around the Stittsville area. As travel became more dependable and the roads were improved, the congregation decided to merge with the Moorestown Methodist Church and the Stittsville Church sat vacant.

Norwich Township eventually took over ownership of the building and property in the summer of 2003 contacted Wellington Farm Park offering to donate the church if park officials could make arrangements to move it from the property. Otherwise, it will be torn down. Park officials inspected the church and realized it is structurally sound and well worth the effort.

The Stittsville Church will become one of the main focal

points of the park, nestled into the hardwood forest that surrounds the park's community center. Not only will its history be researched and preserved, but it will continue to function as a non-denominational church, available for worship services, weddings and vow renewals. It will also provide a facility for presentation of plays and musical performances.

Around the church will be a landscaped prayer garden, designed to provide a quiet place for reflection against nature's background.

For more information on all of the activities at Wellington Farm Park, call 1-888-OLD-FARM, or visit:

www.wellingtonfarmpark.org

New COA director to start June 1

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Alice Snyder of Woodburn, Oregon has accepted the position of COA director and will begin her new duties, June 1.

Snyder has been a unit supervisor for Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services since May 1997. Her duties included the management and operation of a local Area Agency on Aging office where she planned, supervised and coordinated program activities. She had the responsibility for eligibility determination, case management, and service provision for Medicaid, food

stamps and the Older Americans Act.

Snyder won the Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services Distinguished Service Award in June 2001.

During her interview Snyder was asked why she should be hired. She said she would bring a level of professionalism and expertise to the job. She added that her three core values were customer service, positive attitude and professionalism.

She said would begin by learning more about the seniors and their needs. She would then develop some short and long-term goals.

City sets deadline for agenda items

► Previously, no deadline existed; new deadline is 4 p.m. Wednesday

At its April 12 regular meeting, the Grayling City Council established a deadline for items to be included on its meeting agendas: 4 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately prior to the meeting date.

Previously, there was no deadline for submitting items for the meeting agenda.

The change will allow council members to receive their meeting packets earlier, giving them more time to prepare for meetings. The packets, which are pre-

pared by the city clerk, include correspondence and information pertaining to agenda items. With the new deadline, council members will receive their packets on Thursday and they will have a couple days for research and collection of input prior to meetings.

The council agreed by consensus that the city manager will have to determine if late items – those received after the 4 p.m. on Wednesday deadline – are an "emergency" and need to be added to the agenda.

The city council meets on Monday nights – the second and last Monday of each month – at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.



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Dawson & Stevens Classic Diner	Riverland Gear
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Fannie Finn's	Sawmill Tavern
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not replace all of the people who are leaving.

The board of education by law, needs to pass a balanced budget by July 1. Michigan's fiscal year does not begin until October 1, so many changes can happen after the district passes its budget.

Using current information, it now appears that the district may

have an approximate shortfall of one million dollars by 2005-06. This is primarily due to declining enrollment, increased health insurance costs and state increases in retirement costs.

Since school districts are not allowed to run a deficit, the prospect of major cuts for 2005-06 looms.

With that in mind, Haug strongly suggested that the board

look at every aspect of district operations now and possibly begin to make some cuts for the upcoming year instead of facing huge cuts for the following year.

She urged the board members to take a hard look at everything including personnel, technology, extra-curriculars, co-curriculars, regular programs, and possibly selling the administration building, or the "White House."

State inspector finds jail fully compliant

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resolve any areas of noncompliance that may arise in the course of the inspection. The Crawford County Jail was found to have no discrepancies and the sheriff said he is very proud of that.

During the annual inspection, Wakefield said it is very common for the state to find some detail that may have been overlooked and needs attention.

A myriad of items are inspect-

ed and issues addressed during the annual compliance inspection. Wakefield said the jail staff gets only a two-day notice from the MDOC before the inspector arrives along with information about specific things that will be checked.

Schaudt looked at such things as the security camera and monitoring system, record keeping and daily logs, inmate classification, water quality, lighting, fire

safety, and the cleanliness of the kitchen and every cell.

Original construction of the jail took place in 1969 with a capacity of 20 beds. An additional 31 beds were added in 1996 with the construction of four new cell blocks. The jail contains a total of six low security cells with a total of 18 beds, three medium security cells with 30 beds, and one maximum security cell containing three beds.

School Board names first Hall of Fame inductees

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

On Sunday, May 2 the first 17 inductees into the Grayling High School Hall of Fame will be honored during the school's renovation dedication ceremony.

The criteria for selection included earning the highest degree possible in the honoree's chosen field such as a Ph.D. or M.D., etc; or a significant life


achievement, honor or award; or for a significant contribution toward improving the lives of others.

The inductees are listed in order of their graduating class:

1954 - Roger L. Kessler;
1969 - Judge John G. Hunter, and Allen L. Lowe;
1971 - Dr. Douglas H. Slater, and Dr. Paul E. Sojka;
1975 - Wendy A. Gee, and

Richard Joseph;

1978 - Dr. Patricia A. Duley;
1980 - Dr. Christopher S. Lepsy;
1986 - Dr. Ralph C. Oppermann;
1988 - Dr. Michael E. Burkley;
1991 - Dr. Peter J. Oppermann;
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Shooting mourning doves: Right or wrong?

THOSE PESKY mourning doves just won't be quiet.

The legislature finally decided a few weeks ago to sanction hunting mourning doves in Michigan, which seemed to settle the long running mourning dove controversy.

But hold on a moment. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has insisted she will veto any mourning dove proposal which does not call for a popular vote as the last word. The new legislative approval does not.

It seems the mourning dove question is still up in the air, so how about a compromise?

Sam Washington, head of Michigan United Conservation Clubs, a strong pro-hunting group, came up with one. He wants to permit mourning dove hunting in part of the state for three years, and then make a final decision based on that experience.

Gov. Granholm's office seems to think

that's a good idea. Elizabeth Boyd, the governor's press secretary, is quoted that the proposal "seems like a reasonable solution," and indicated the governor will consider it.

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SO IT MAY BE back to the legislature. If lawmakers accept the suggested compromise, the next bill would not be subject to popular referendum, and would permit dove hunting in five entire counties and parts of seven others located west of US-23 (which runs from Flint to Toledo) and south of I-94 (which runs from Detroit to Chicago). The area covers the two southernmost tiers of counties nearest Indiana and Ohio where dove hunting already is allowed. That includes St. Joseph County.

After three years, the Natural Resources Commission would study the results of the temporary and limited hunt, and decide whether to continue

and expand dove hunting.

Mr. Washington called his proposal "a really measured approach to looking at this in a purely scientific manner and taking the emotion out of it."

But then there's politics, as always. Gov. Granholm has promised to veto any legislation that does not let the public make the final decision. Will she hold to that resolve, or will she join the compromise?

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FEW MATTERS in recent years have evoked as much public emotion as dove hunting. Rep. Susan Tabor of Delta Township has been promoting dove hunting for years. Because of term limits, this is her last year in the legislature, and for her, it's now or never at least as an insider.

Newspapers for months have been heavy with letters, both pro and con. Lobbying both ways in the legislature

also has been heavy.

The storm of controversy and emotion centers on perhaps the most difficult of all divergent points to reconcile into solution.

Dove hunting is not a basic question of economics, or of individual rights, or anything else that might be compromised into an answer acceptable to all sides.

The basic question is whether it is right to shoot mourning doves as a sport. Yes or no?

Would a three year season in 12 counties resolve that question and remove all the emotion that has accompanied it?

Not likely. The Humane Society, bird lovers and others who oppose dove hunting still will oppose it. The MUCC, hunters and others who favor it won't change either.

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IF SHOOTING DOVES is wrong,

then shooting doves in only a handful of counties for only three years will not make it right. And if shooting doves is fight, then why limit the time and the space?

The professionals in the Natural Resources Commission have favored dove hunting all along. They consider it a rational approach to game management. Chances are slim this view will change after a three year trial run.

For all practical purposes, the emerging decision on whether to permit hunting mourning doves in Michigan on a three year trial basis will settle the question for the future.

If shooting doves for three years is permitted, hunting mourning doves throughout Michigan is here to stay.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Chris Nieman, Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District

Put space between home and woods

The risk of losing one's home to wildfire increases as more people are choosing Northern Michigan as a place to retire or raise a family. More houses are being built outside of city limits in the country and response time from emergency agencies takes longer as distance from response centers increases. Woodlot homes however do not need to fall victim to wildfires. Home owners themselves can take steps that will greatly increase their homes chance of survival should a wildfire occur.

Fire is a chain with three links; each link being dependent on the other in order for fire to occur. The first link in the fire chain is oxygen; this link cannot be controlled by the homeowner. However, the next two links, fuel and heat, can be. By reducing one or both of these, the homeowner can break the chain and greatly increase the chance of their home surviving a wildfire.

Landowners should take the following precautions to make their home defensible against a wildfire. Wood shake roofs should be replaced with metal or some other less combustible material. Eaves should be cleaned and covered as to reduce the chance of ignition by flying embers. Homeowners should establish a "fuel break" around their home and outbuildings.

The first three feet immediately surrounding the home or any out building should be used as the "fuel break" making sure the area is sparse in materials that could possibly fuel a fire. Inorganic mulches such as lava rocks and similar should be used

instead of woodchips. If shrubs are planted in this area they should be deciduous rather than evergreens as evergreens will burn with great intensity when dry.

Lastly, the "fuel break" area should be clear of leaves and pine needles as these will both readily ignite from sparks and flying embers. Needles and leaves should also be raked from around decks and porches and wooden walkways. These suggestions are intended to keep flames from coming in contact with the house or out building.

Homeowners seeking a woody look for their house placement are often reluctant to remove trees from their yard feeling that to do so would detract from their scenery. However, by reducing heavy fuels such as trees from around the home, the possibility of home ignition from radiant heat will be reduced.

Radiant heat from a fire can ignite a home from 33 feet away. Trees within 33 feet should be widely spaced so the tree crowns do not touch. Lower limbs can become ladder fuels which allow the fire to travel from the ground to the crown of the tree. The lower limbs of coniferous trees should be pruned six to eight feet, with hardwood trees being an even better choice for planting within the 33 foot area.

Also, within the 30 foot fire break, lawns should be mowed, raked and watered in order to reduce the risk of fire, paying close attention to grasses around liquid propane tanks and wood stacks. Wood stacks burn very

hot and once ignited can take considerable time and resources to control. Firewood should be placed 25 feet from structures and fuel tanks. An alternative to grass are native herbaceous ground covers which require less maintenance in order to stay green.

The next 70 feet surrounding any home should also be maintained, if possible, in the following manner to reduce the possibility of a crown fire:

Fuels such as trees and shrubs less than six or eight feet high and limbs that hang low to the ground act as ladder fuels and should be removed. Trees in this area should be thinned so that their crowns are well spaced and do not touch. Tree torching may still occur however either from radiant heat or flying embers, but by reducing the canopy in the yard, the potential fuel from a crown fire to carry will also be reduced.

Homeowners should look at the accessibility to their home from the perspective of a fire fighter and other emergency personnel that have a limited amount of time to respond to a situation. Property owners should make their home accessible by following a few guidelines:

House numbers should be clearly visible from the road and the driveway clearly marked. A large enough area for emergency vehicles to maneuver should be made available as firefighters will not enter an area where they may become trapped. Most emergency vehicles need 12 feet across and a 15 foot height road

clearing.

Gated driveways should be made easily accessible for emergency personnel and their vehicles. Gates should be placed at least 30 feet from the road and open inwards and be at least two feet longer than the width of the driveway.

By following these guidelines, emergency personnel will not have to block the road to enter the residence, and in emergency situations, fire fighters will not have to break down a gate or risk the chance of passing by the home due to inaccessibility.

Most wildfires in Michigan are started by humans so care must be taken when burning leaves and brush; leaving mulching and composting as better alternatives. Spark arresters should be installed in chimneys and outdoor power equipment such as chainsaws and ATVs (all-terrain vehicles).

Homeowners should obtain a burning permit from their local DNR office, have 100 feet of attached garden hose, along with a rake and a shovel on hand before burning their yard waste.

Fire fighters have minutes to assess a home's survivability. If the home looks like it could be a potential hazard to the lives of fire fighters or unsavable, they may move on to another home or a less dangerous situation.

By taking these measures to protect their home from fire and by making it safer and accessible to emergency personnel, a homeowner can greatly improve the chances of their home surviving a woodland fire.

EDITOR

Will high gas prices help re-elect Bush?

To the editor,

I don't imagine Grayling residents are enjoying the high prices of gas. However, there may be a silver lining - by getting soaked at the pump, we will all be helping the president get re-elected.

Bob Woodward, in his latest book, *Plan of Attack*, explains that the administration made a bargain with Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia, a good friend of the Bush family. The deal was that the Saudis would lower gas prices, thus helping swing the election to George W.

Poppycock, you say? Prices are up, not down?

Well, neither the Saudis nor the Texas Oil Daddies who are pouring all those millions into the campaign actually wanted to lose any money. So they simply raised prices now. They're going to let Americans suffer through the vacation season paying through the nose: by Labor Day we will have forgotten gas at \$1.79 ever existed. Then presto - prices will come down to nearly what they are now. We'll all be so frazzled we will have forgotten why they went up in the first place, and a grateful nation will hail Bush as their savior. Simple, ain't it?

Those who are patriotic enough to have bought Hummers and SUVs will get to help twice as much, because the President

specifically exempted SUVs from gas mileage and clean air standards. It's so wonderful to know our government has so much foresight.

Some people won't believe Bob Woodward, even though he was right about Watergate, and since the 70s, he's solidified his reputation as one of the most accurate reporters in the business.

Prince Bandar doesn't care if a price rise causes us hardship. Why should he? But our own President ought to care. The last time gas prices went up, a lot of people suffered. (Not the Oil Daddies, of course.) Aside from a lot of people just having less money to get by on, there was a rise in airline prices, less tourism in areas like northern Michigan, job losses because of the increased cost of shipping goods.

Aside from the ethical question of whether foreigners have the right to stick their noses into our elections, this kind of manipulation is demeaning to Americans. It can only damage the cause of liberty and democracy in the U.S.A.

Of course, if you believe that keeping the President in office is worth any cost, including deceiving the public, you'll be very happy.

Cathy Lester
Grayling

I wish I had written that

To the editor,

In response/reaction to Shirley Gaff's letter to the editor published April 22 regarding "DNR tree-cutting out of control."

I am disappointed and embar-

assed that I did not write the letter. Good job, Shirley! We totally agree with your comments.

Robert and Evelyn McIntosh
(40-year residents)
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone num-

ber must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

Football Golf Outing set for May 22

The 2004 Grayling High School Football Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, May 22, at the Grayling Country Club. The entry fee for the event will be \$240 per four-person team. To sign up, please send entry fee and list of team members to Dianne Tobin at Grayling High School, 1135 N. US Old 27, Grayling, MI, 49738.

Legion Post 106 to elect officers

American American Legion Post 106 in Grayling will hold its regular meeting on Monday, May 10 at 7 p.m. Included in the meeting will be Election of Officers.

Church plans all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs available. Cost is \$5 per person.

Grayling Eagles to elect officers

Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465 Election of Officers for 2004-2005 will be held on Monday, May 3, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Members are encouraged to come in during that time to cast votes.

World War II series continues

The fourth in a six-week series of film presentations and discussions of the American experience during World War II will continue on Monday, May 3 at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library with the topic of "The Double V - African Americans." The film to be presented beginning at 1:30 p.m. is titled "Proudly We Served: The Men of the U.S.S. Mason," with discussion and refreshments to follow. The library is located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling. For more information on this program and others, call the library at 348-9214.

Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association will be held Tuesday, May 4 at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Learn how to make greeting cards

The Garden Club of Grayling will feature Diane Tomlinson at its next meeting on Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Tomlinson will demonstrate how to make greeting cards using stamping products. The public is welcome. For more information, call Sandy Allman at 348-4405.

AuSable River Property owners to meet

The AuSable River System Property Owners Association Board of Directors will meet Saturday, May 1 starting at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the meeting room of the Grayling Township Hall, on Viking Way off of M-72 West. The Board will conduct its regular bi-monthly agenda, and discuss topics of interest to riparian property owners and other users of the Upper AuSable River Watershed. The meeting is open to members of the Association and all interested persons. Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be discussing river patrol for 2004. For more information, call Dave Waltz at 344-9708.

Memorial tree planting to be held

A memorial tree planting and gathering will be held in honor of the late Charles Easterly on Monday, May 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Kids can get free hearing/vision tests

The Crawford County office of District Health Department #10, at 202 Meadows Drive in Grayling, will be offering free hearing and vision screenings for children ages three to 18 years at its office on Friday, May 21, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 348-7800 for an appointment. Head Start students and children entering Kindergarten this fall can be screened for hearing and vision in August. Call the office for dates and times for these children.

Seniors offered free hearing tests

Free hearing tests are offered the first Wednesday each month at the Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center in Grayling. Call Justin Hearing toll-free at 1-877-938-0015 to make an appointment. In-home testing and reduced cost hearing aids are also available.

Retired federal employees to meet

The local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet Thursday, May 6 starting at approximately 12:10 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Use the Spruce Street entrance. Membership is open to civilians with service in any agency of federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses, and surviving spouses.

9th annual Homecare/Hospice memorial service planned

Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice invites the community to participate in the 2004 Annual Memorial Service on Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Roscommon.

Anyone who has lost a loved one or knows of someone who has lost a loved one through death and would like to remember them in this special candle lighting ceremony is asked to contact Mary Beth Brady at 348-

0035 or call 1-800-424-1457.

Brady, who is the Spiritual/Bereavement Care Coordinator for Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice, said you need not be present to have a candle lit for your loved one(s).

When calling, give the name of the loved one to be honored and how many people will be attending to allow event organizers to plan accordingly. Refreshments will be served.

Blood drive planned May 5

A Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, May 5, from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the American Legion in Grayling.

Donors must bring photo I.D. or Red Cross Card, and must be at least 17 years of age and at least 110 pounds.

Nurses will be available to answer any questions. It is important to drink extra water and other caffeine-free beverages to replace the blood donated and to prevent low blood pressure. A small meal or snack before donating is recommended.

A blood drive was held on March 3 at Grayling High School.

There were 84 donors with 31 first-timers: Samantha Collin, Jeffrey Dedafoe, Angela Delarosa, Nicole Doremire, Kelly Dunckley, Gary Feeney,

Jesse Ferrell, Ryan Feutz, Christopher Francis, Mitchell Freeman, Brent Gabriel, Chelsea Green, Hannah Hall, Jon Handy, Shane Hart, John Haven, Derek Johnston, Margaret Mahaney, Heather Metzger, Gregory Morrill, Tara Myers, Mallory Olson, Samantha Palmer, Jamie Pinkelman, John Quintano, Justin Robinson, Richard Ryan, Russell Shepherd, Steven Stilson, Jessica Wakeley and Erin Westman.

On March 4, a blood drive was held at the Frederic Township Hall with 27 donors and eight first-time donors: Gerald C. Dill, Colleen N. Ferguson, John D. Ferguson, Jean C. Harwood, Ashley L. Mann, Wayne M. Mann, Dorothy A. Moore and Milton R. Proctor.

Hard Bodyz Sports Center held a blood drive on March 8 with 27 donors.

Boots Randolph to perform at Kirtland

When Boots Randolph starts tootin' his horn, he does more than just play the saxophone... more than just pump out music notes. And that is why his saxophone sounds like it can sing... can talk... can almost speak to deaf ears.

Randolph has been bringing audiences to their feet ever since the early 60s, when his signature song, "Yakety Sax" first hit the airwaves and soon he was a celebrity. He was the only sax player to perform solo with Elvis Presley and has played with Roy Orbison on the recording of "Oh, Pretty Woman." He is also credited with a performance with Brenda Lee's holiday favorite, "Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree."

Randolph has also appeared on numerous TV shows, including The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, where he played with Doc Severinsen, the Ed Sullivan Show, Kraft Music Hall, and with the Boston Pops and on TNN's Music City Tonight and Prime Time Country.

Local fans can get a chance to experience the talents of Randolph when he takes the stage of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, May 8 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$22 and \$20 each. For ticket reservations, call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or order tickets on-line at www2.kirtland.edu/arts/kepa.

Ornithologist Davis to host birding workshop May 14

During a distinguished career in ornithology, Dr. Jim Davis has shared his enthusiasm and knowledge of bird behavior at unique workshops on interpretive birding. Now he's bringing his show to northern Michigan on May 14, a prelude to the Kirtland's Warbler Festival the following two days.

Davis has studied birds for 20 years and in the past 15 years, traveled the world to expand his observations and share his experiences through his writings. He founded and remains the publisher of the Interpretive Birding Bulletin, a bi-monthly international science magazine on bird behavior written for birders.

At his seminar, participants will learn how to identify specific behaviors, as well as how to interpret the meaning of different bird songs.

The Friday workshop will be held at Kirtland's Conference Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person, which includes lunch. The morning session will consist of a lecture and discussion on interpretive birding skills. In the afternoon, a birding field trip to practice techniques learned in the classroom will take place.

Davis also will give two presentations at the Kirtland's Warbler Festival on Saturday, May 15.

To register for Dr. Davis' workshop, call (989) 275-5000, ext. 418, or send a check payable to "Jim Davis, IBB" and send it to Kirtland Community College,

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club Week ending April 25 - winners of \$25 each: Bob Cincinnati, Jason Thompson and Harry Love.

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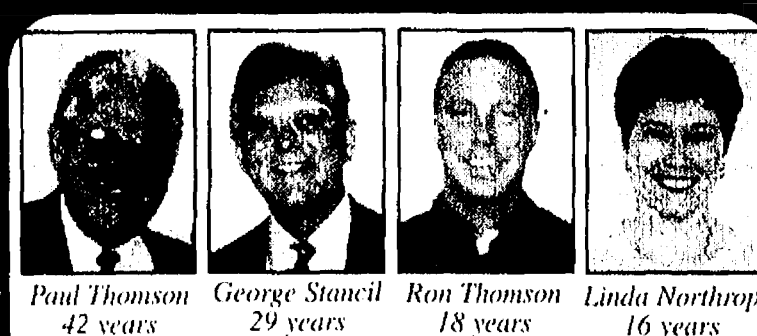


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God's Gospel of Grace

The word "gospel" is used over a hundred times in the Bible. It means to announce or proclaim the good news concerning faith in the person, work, and word of Jesus Christ for salvation. Our Lord gave the great commission to his disciples in Mark 16:15 commanding them to preach the gospel to every creature. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The New Testament begins with the four gospels. Matthew presents Jesus Christ as a servant. Luke presents Jesus Christ as a perfect man. John presents Jesus Christ as eternal God. The words of our Lord in John 3:16 have often been called the heart of the gospel. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The apostle Paul stated the gospel he received and taught in 1 Cor 15:3-4: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." Preaching the gospel was the principle work in the life of Paul according to Acts 20:24: "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." This is why Paul said in Rom 1:15-17: "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also, for I am not ashamed

of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

Jude taught us in Jude 1:3 that defending the faith of the gospel was our most important task. "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Paul shared this truth with the Galatian churches in Gal 1:6-9: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Paul taught us that the gospel of grace was being perverted early and called for damnation upon anyone who altered God's simple gospel of grace.

Eternal salvation is all of God and so also are God's gifts of grace and faith. It involves no human effort, but simple faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ our Savior. As Paul said in Eph 2:8,9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast." As Paul said in Rom 3:27,28: "Where is boasting then? It is

excluded. By what law? of works? Nay; but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Paul reminded us in Romans 11:6 that we cannot mix law and grace. "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work." That is why Paul said in Gal 2:21: "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

As Paul said in Titus 3:5: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." John promised in 1 John 5:12,13: "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Only by faith in the person, work, and word of Jesus Christ can we know that we have eternal life. Do you know today that you have God's gift of eternal life? Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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OBITUARIES

Nancy Ann (Hubbell) Perry

Sept. 26, 1944 - April 24, 2004
Nancy Ann (Hubbell) Perry, age 59 of Morgantown, Indiana, died at her home the evening of Saturday, April 25, 2004.

Mrs. Perry was born on September 26, 1944 in Hillsdale, MI to Charles Arnold and Thelma (Snyder) Hubbell. She married Timothy J. Perry on February 16, 1963.

She was a homemaker and was crowned Miss Grayling in 1962.

She was preceded in death by her father Charles Arnold Hubbell and her husband Timothy J. Perry.

She is survived by her mother, Thelma (Snyder) Hubbell of Grayling, two daughters, Kelly Dodson of Morgantown, IN and Angela Towse of New Palestine, IN; one brother, Roger Hubbell of Interlochen, MI; two sisters, Janet Sancier and Susan Stephan, both of Grayling, and one grandson.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Perry's name can be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Attn: Director of Planned Giving, 3300 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ, 85718.

A private graveside service and burial of the remains will be conducted at a later date in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Arrangements by the Carlisle and Son Funeral Chapel, Mooresville, Indiana.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 72 complaints the week of April 19 - 25:

Two EMS response, three traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, two motor vehicle inspection, five civil matter disputes - family trouble, six suspicious situations, 13 general non-criminal, one trees/brush/grass fire, five false alarm activations, one CSC (criminal sexual conduct)/sexual assault, one CSC (criminal sexual conduct) - penetration P/V, two assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglary/home invasion, one burglary - B&E (breaking and entering) unoccupied structure, six larceny, one larceny - other, two damage to property, one drug/narcotic violations, one disturbing the peace (public/private), six public peace/disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL (operating under influence of liquor/unlawful blood-alcohol level), five health and safety, one miscellaneous criminal offense, three driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Betty L. Helsel

March 4, 1931 - April 24, 2004
Betty L. Helsel, age 73 of Grayling, died at home Saturday, April 24, 2004.

Mrs. Helsel was born on March 4, 1931 in Grayling to Thomas Barton and Althea Bonnie Bell (Clise) Wakeley. The former Betty L. Wakeley was married to Mr. Ralph Helsel on April 17, 1948.

Mrs. Helsel was a lifelong resident of Grayling and homemaker who enjoyed spending time with her family. Her hobbies were playing dice, crocheting and bowling. She and her late husband Ralph sold Christmas trees in the Grayling area for over fifty years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph Helsel, Sr. on June 30, 1988, her parents Barton and Bonnie Wakeley, and her brothers and sisters: Jean, Marilyn, Kari Lynne, Margie, Pete, Cy and Jimmy.

She is survived by five daughters; Terri (Ed) Papendick, Jackie Helsel, Julie (Greg) McClain, Marjean Helsel, and Pam (Jay) Dannenberg, all of Grayling; one son Ralph (Carolyn) Helsel, Jr., of North Carolina; four brothers; Bob (Marge) Wakeley, Larry (Barb) Wakeley, Weldon (Donna) Wakeley, and Terry (Carol) Wakeley, all of Grayling; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Monday, April 26 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 27 at 11 a.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Mary Beth Brady, Spiritual Care Coordinator for Mercy Amicare Hospice officiating. There were six pallbearers, Bob Wakeley, Weldon Wakeley and Terry Wakeley, Ed Papendick, Greg Helsel and Jeremy Tobias.

Mrs. Helsel will be buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling. Arrangements by the Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Card of Thanks

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you for your thoughtfulness during the loss of our son, father, and brother. Our lives changed drastically on April 16, 2004. We can never express how much all the support that we felt during this time meant to our family.

Your prayers, cards, beautiful flowers and awesome food gave us immense encouragement to go on.

I would love to name everyone individually but the list would be in the hundreds. So if you said a prayer, sent food, flowers or just thought about our family during this time of need, your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

We live in a wonderful community, and from the bottom of our hearts thank you!

God bless you,
Kay, Rob, Heidi, Nikki, and Ashley Morrill and families

BIRTHS

Amber and Robbie Tackett, of Frederic, announce the birth of their daughter, Shaylenn Renae, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on April 5, 2004 at 3:16 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 1 oz. and measuring 18-1/2 inches long.

Sherri and Charles McClusky, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their son, Charles Lee, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on April 11, 2004 at 7:06 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 12 oz. and measuring 20-1/2 inches long.



Walter Robert Mansfield

Nov. 15, 1927 - April 25, 2004
Walter Robert Mansfield, age 76 of Grayling, died Sunday, April 25, 2004 at the Grayling Nursing Centre after a heroic battle with cancer.

Mr. Mansfield was born on November 15, 1927 in Hazel Park and spent the majority of his life in the Detroit area.

He was a World War II Army veteran and was employed with Dodge Truck plant in Warren as a supervisor for 40 years, retiring in 1986. He was a strong advocate for those who served under him at Dodge Truck, and kept in touch with many fellow employees.

After retirement, he moved to Grayling where he had vacationed since he was young. He was a dedicated individual, serving the community both downstate and here.

He was a past president of the Grayling Fraternal Order of Eagles #3465, an avid fisherman, loving husband, adoring Pa-Pa, and best friend to his children.

Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 6 p.m. at the Grayling Eagles Hall, with dinner following.

Interment will be in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, next to the love of his life, the late Bonnie (Steiss) who preceded him in death on December 27, 1985. Another service will be held downstate later this week.

Mr. Mansfield is survived by his children: David (Melanie) of Sterling Heights, Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson (Dan) of Grayling, and grandchildren, Dakota Logan Mansfield and Bennette Danyell Sanderson, both of Grayling.

Also surviving are his siblings: James (Edith) of Lathrup Village, Betty (Elton) Dunn of Interlochen, Naomi (Nick) Mihaescu of Grayling, J.D. (Molly) of Pennsylvania, nephew Robert Kelly of Grayling, and special friends Charlotte and Bill Fairbotham and family, and Jerry and Marie Ketchmark.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Gladys F. (Streeter) Mansfield, brother Edgar, sister Elaine Kaczmiereczak and granddaughter Bonnie Lace Mansfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crawford County Library/Walter Mansfield Memorial Fund, 201 Plum Street, Grayling, MI, 49738. The money collected will be used to establish a reading and senior outreach program for shut-ins and those in care centers.

Arrangements by the Nelson Funeral Home, Inc., Gaylord.

Clarence Albert Kittelson

April 22, 2004

Clarence Albert Kittelson, age 67 of Roscommon, died Thursday, April 22, 2004.

Memorial services were held on Saturday April 24, 2004 at Bear Lake Christian Church.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for all the masses, prayers and cards for Tim. Words cannot express the comfort this has brought to us.

Family of Tim Blackmer

In Times of Need

Once a necessity, the little outbuilding stands only as a reminder of times past when "loaves" and "salt" were in the midst of the night, in all kinds of weather. There are few loaves in our country today where these little houses of necessity serve a real purpose, replaced by modern plumbing, heating, and even heated floors.

Yet, there are some necessities that can never be replaced or improved upon, except by consistent practice and attention. They are not tangible, but of the heart and the spirit.

Prayer is as necessary in our lives today as it was more than a thousand years ago. The psalmist David said, "I will wait for the Lord; my soul waits and in His Word I hope." (Psalm 138:5)

When we go to God in prayer, we must slow down and wait for Him to speak to us. In our hurried lives, we still must take time to listen for God's ever-present guidance. Our heavenly Father never changes His love for His children.

As we give attention to prayer, and also practice worship, we take God with us through the week, so He becomes our unchanging source of comfort and consolation. Won't you put your faith in the unchangeable? Won't you put your faith in God?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Pastor David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Bearing Witness Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Perle, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-2224

Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Swanson
North Down River Rd. W.
1030 Olsen Rd. • P.O. Box 1188

Church School 9:45 am
Prayer Meeting 10:30 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor W. Patrick, J.V. Pastor
700 N. Main Street • 348-7657

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Mass 8 am, 9 am, 10 am, 11 am
Sunday Evening Mass 7 pm
Wednesday Mass 7 pm

Mail: 9141 N. Cut River Rd Roscommon, MI 48653
Phone/Fax 989-821-6722 or 989-821-8919
E-mail: reslife@earthlink.net

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barrett, Pastor
M-72 West

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Scott Hoffer, Pastor
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday Mornings on

TV 29 & 8 7:30 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday School 10:30 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
1st Sunday Evening of every month there is no service.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Steiner
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-3325

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Pastor Terry Colby
705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2557

Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Service 10:30 am

Lakeside Baptist
Pastor James Durbin
2241 Durbin Lane

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Cramer
506 North Birch St. • Kalamazoo • (231) 254-3443

Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer (Wed.) 7 pm

St. Hope Lutheran Church (Lutheran)
Pastor David Page
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
at the junction of M-73 & Old 27

Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm

Unity Church of Unity North
Pastor Mary Ann Miller
Verbal Church - in South Bible Study available at 10:30 am

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
Pastor David Page
601 S. Main St. • 348-7657

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church
Pastor David Page
710 Spruce Street
348-2224

Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

HOW'S YOUR BODY?

COME TO SHOWTIME COLLISION
Spring is car clean up time

SHOWTIME Collision
(989) 348-8888
Monday - Friday 8am to 4:30pm
1/2 mile west of the Manistee River on M-72

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Gray Granite Upright Monument
Top: 36 x 36 x 20
Bottom: 48 x 12 x 06
\$895.00*

*Price includes Lettering, Choice of Design & Delivery to Cemetery

St. Helen Monument Sales
3100 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake (989) 366-4313
2178 Carla Street, St. Helen (989) 389-4921
Free Delivery to All Michigan Cemeteries - Open All Year
*Must bring ad in store to honor price

Pool party helps tots celebrate spring



Photo courtesy of Grayling Co-Op Preschool

The Tuesday/Thursday Grayling Co-Op Preschool class recently enjoyed an indoor pool party in celebration of spring's arrival in northern Michigan.

Farm Park receives education grant

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan recently awarded Wellington Farm Park a \$1,000 grant to help support the unique educational programs the park offers students in third through sixth grades.

Wellington is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, receiving all of its funding to bring this historical interpretive museum to life through grants, private donors, admission fees, and a variety of fundraising activities.

The educational experience provided at Wellington to students is truly unique. The 60-acre park, opened in 1996, is designed to provide visitors with the experience of life as it was in rural mid-America during the Great Depression.

Through a series of displays, exhibits, re-creations and natural settings, Wellington Farm Park provides a variety of educational, recreational and cultural opportunities for visitors to the Crawford County area.

The museum honors local heritage with first-hand historical experiences and includes a visitors center, blacksmith shop, grist mill, sawmill, carpenter's shop, machine shop, farmer's market, and summer kitchen. All of these buildings are fully functional and in complete operation through performances by numerous volunteers specializing in historical and dramatic interpretation. A pavilion, petting farm and nature trails complete the park's natural setting.

Each year, Wellington Farm Park conducts educational programs for hundreds of elementary school students from across northern Michigan; for grades 3 and 6 each spring and grades 4 and 5 each fall.

Involving school-aged children in educational programs has always been a high priority at Wellington. Using the Michigan Department of Education's *Michigan Climbs* document as a guide, programs have been developed

for these grades. The 3rd and 6th grade programs address the Benchmarks of Education outlined in the natural science areas of *Michigan Climbs*; the 4th and 5th grade programs are centered in the social science area and deal with history and economics.

Wellington's "Hands On History" program allows students to experience the hardships of the Great Depression through stories, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Many times, the activities are determined by what is taking place on the farm on the day of the visit.

Feeding animals, carrying water, bringing in firewood, husking corn, picking up potatoes, and washing clothes are just some of the activities students might expect to do. Every class has the opportunity to see at least one large piece of agricultural machinery in full operation.

In the park's "Food for Winter" program students have the opportunity to participate in activities

which were very common as the farm family prepared for the winter season during the time of the Great Depression. Included in the program are demonstrations of canning, pickling, jam and jelly-making, the processing and storage of hay and grain for the animals, and preparing livestock for food. (Portions of this program are very graphic. Students and parents are made aware of what they might expect to see and experience.)

The funds from the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan will support the provision of these innovative educational experiences to students in Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties.

The park is on-line at: www.wellingtonfarmpark.org

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF LAND AND FACILITIES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF DEDICATED STATE-OWNED LAND LAND TRANSACTION CASE NO. 20031053

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2133, Part 21, Subpart 10 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) proposes to sell the following State-owned land or rights in land by auction sale:

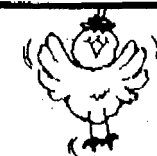
That part of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 18, T25N, R03W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, described as: Commencing at S 1/4 corner of Section 18, thence N 0° 25' W along N & S 1/4 line 737.94 feet to POB, thence N 74° 25' W 624.97 feet to the center line of Old US-27 thence N 35° 44' 35" E along center line of Old US-27 275 feet, thence S 63° 57' 14" E 489.83 feet to N & S 1/4 line, thence S 0° 25' E 176 feet to POB. 2.74 acres

The proposed sale is being placed on the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Agenda for public comment prior to being approved by the MDNR Director. The next meeting of the Natural Resources Commission is scheduled at the following date, time and location:

May 6, 2004
4:30 P.M.
McGuire Conference Center
7880 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, Michigan

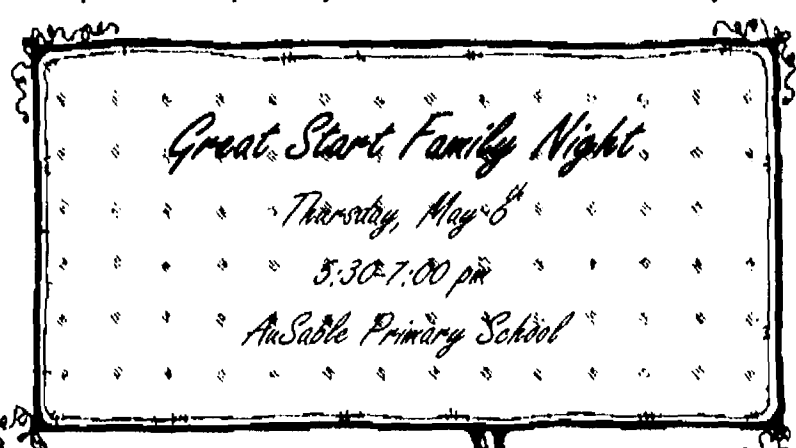
Public appearances before the NRC will begin at 4:30 P.M. and may be scheduled by calling Ms. Theresa Gloden, NRC Secretary, at 517-373-2352.

PLEASE NOTE: This notice is not a solicitation for bids. Further information concerning this case is available by contacting Ms. Renee Tober, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Office of Land and Facilities, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948, or via e-mail at toberr@michigan.gov. Phone 517-373-1240.



Come join the fun!

"A Special event for all families with children birth to age 5"



Enjoy a
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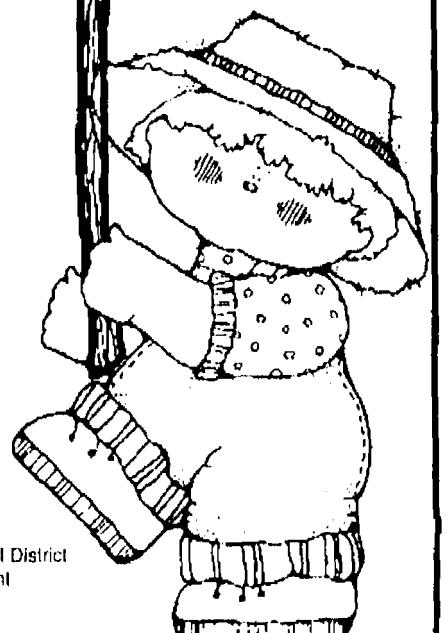
FREE Pizza!
Children's Activities
A gift for every child

Information on programs
and services for young children



Funding provided by C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District
through the Great Parents, Great Start grant

If you need help with transportation for this event or have any questions
about Great Start, call Michele at (989) 275-3573



Mercy offers health education opportunities

Mercy Hospital in Grayling, and its supporting facilities in Roscommon and Prudenville, offers a variety of health education opportunities to residents each month. The following list contains information about those offerings in the month of May.

Sibling Class - Cost is \$5 per family. To register, call (989) 348-0599. Mercy Hospital Grayling May 1, 10 a.m. - noon.

Diabetes Support Group - Speakers focus on maintaining health, preventing complications, and intervening when complications do occur. Call (989) 348-0455; Group meets at: Mercy Family Care - Roscommon on May 5, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.; Mercy Family Care - Prudenville on May 12, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.; Mercy Hospital Grayling on May 18, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Parents Bereavement Support Group - For parents who have lost a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, or infant death. Call (989) 348-1212; Mercy Family Care - Roscommon on May 5, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group - Call (989) 348-4383; Mercy Hospital Grayling on May 12, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

American Heart Association Infant/Child CPR - Cost is \$24. To register, call (989) 348-0888. Mercy Hospital Grayling on May 12, 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Caring For Our Children: Complementary and Alternative Approaches - Russell Greenfield, MD, Medical Director of Carolinas Integrative Health in Charlotte, NC, will discuss safe, effective home use of complementary and alternative therapies to promote optimal health in children. Cost is \$10. For more information, call (231) 935-9255; at Dennon Museum, Traverse City on May 13, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Free Glucose and Blood Pressure Screenings - For more information, call (989) 348-0455;

Mercy Hospital Grayling on May 17, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Us Too Prostate Cancer Support Group - New support group for prostate cancer patients and their loved ones. Call (989) 348-0594; Mercy Hospital Grayling on May 17, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Type 1 Diabetes Support Group - For individuals with Type 1 diabetes under the age of 25. All (989) 348-0455; Mercy Family Care - Roscommon on May 19, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Congestive Heart Failure and Cardiomyopathy: Cardiac Lecture Series - Congestive heart failure is the leading cause of hospitalizations in people over the age of 65. Cardiomyopathy is a condition in which the heart muscle is damaged. Join Dr. Dino Recchia, Cardiologist, to learn more about these conditions, including their symptoms, causes, treatments and effects. No cost. For more information, call (231) 935-8565; Munson Medical Center in Traverse City on May 20, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Better Breathing - Eight weekly classes provide information on lung disease, medications, breathing techniques, nutrition and exercise for people with chronic lung disease. To register, call (231) 935-8208 or 1-800-809-8127; at Munson Community Health Center on Mondays, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Diabetes Education - For those diagnosed with diabetes, this education will provide you with the knowledge that you need to manage your diabetes for a lifetime. For more information, call (989) 348-0380; Mercy Hospital Grayling, Mercy Family Care - Roscommon, Mercy Family Care - Prudenville.

Healthy Futures - Shares every parent's dream of a healthy child. This program offers every mother-to-be access to health information, support from a registered

nurse, and, if desired, a home visit after delivery. If you are pregnant or have a child under two and want to learn more about this free service, ask your health care provider or contact Healthy Futures at (231) 935-5640 or toll-free at (888) 403-8468.

Healthy Relationships: A Series for Women - This group's goal is to enrich women's lives and help them maintain healthy relationships by giving alternatives to violence. Topics include assertiveness, boundaries, self-care, parenting, evaluating new relationships, and self-esteem. For more information, call River House Shelter at (989) 348-3169.

Heart Health and Fitness Program/Exercise Class - Cost is \$5.20 per session. To register, call (989) 348-0371; Mercy Hospital Grayling, on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, call for times.

Labyrinth Walk - The public is welcome to walk the seven-circuit Labyrinth on the Mercy Hospital Grayling campus at any time during the summer and fall. If a group wishes to participate in a Labyrinth Walk, call (989) 348-6716.

Navigator Program - Information and support for breast cancer patients. The Navigator Program is an innovative outreach effort designed to provide information and support to women with breast cancer. No cost. To register, call (231) 935-8216 or 1-800-376-1135; at Munson Medical Center.

Nutrition Education - Meet with a registered dietitian to discuss nutrition needs and healthy eating. To register, call (989) 348-0380; at Mercy Hospital Grayling, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; at Mercy Family Care - Prudenville, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; at Mercy Family Care - Roscommon 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Brunch

May 9, 2004

12:00 Noon to 7:00 pm

Crawford Station Restaurant

Carved Roast top round of beef
Shrimp Alfredo on a bed of tri-colored
fettuccini

honey Mustard Chicken Breast
Grilled Pork Loin with an apple jack Sauce
Pierogies with cheese, pepper and onions
red skin potatoes

Fresh broccoli, cauliflower and carrots blend Make
your own waffle station with a variety of toppings
Eggs and omelets cooked to order Corn beef hash and
poached eggs

Chicken and rice soup, breads, crackers, butters and
spreads

Gourmet table with fresh fruit
assortment of cheese and veggie trays
Chilled peel & eat shrimp

Toss Salad greens with a variety of toppings, dressings
and house salads

our grand line of desserts with Strawberry short cake
and ice cream sundae bar

Adults: \$12.99 - Seniors: \$11.99

Kids under 10 yrs \$1.00 x age

Mom's don't forget to register for our drawing,
for dinner or lunch, for 2 on Mother's Day

2650 I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-7611
800-292-9055

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Ages 13+ - ADV 16+

Emv - PG-13
Starring: Jack Black & Ben Stiller
*Nightly @ 7:05 & 9:10 p.m.
*Sat - Sun @ 2:00 & 4:25 p.m.

Scooby Doo 2 - PG
Starring: Freddie Prinze Jr. & Sarah Michelle Gellar
*Nightly @ 7:00 p.m.
*Sat - Sun @ 2:00 p.m.

13 Going On 30 - PG-13
Starring: Jennifer Garner
*Nightly @ 7:05 & 9:15 p.m.
*Sat - Sun @ 2:10 & 4:15 p.m.

Laws of Attraction - PG-13
Starring: Pierce Brosnan & Julianne Moore
*Nightly @ 7:05 & 9:10 p.m.
*Sat - Sun @ 2:10 & 4:00 p.m.

The Punisher - R
Starring: Thomas Jane - John Travolta
*Nightly @ 9:15 p.m.
*Sat - Sun @ 4:15 p.m.

Man On Fire - R
Starring: Denzel Washington
*Fri @ 7:00 & 9:35 p.m.
*Sat @ 2:30 - 7:00 - 9:35 p.m.
*Sun @ 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
*Mon - Thurs @ 7:00 p.m.

Kill Bill 2 - R
Starring: Uma Thurman
*Sun - Thurs @ 7:00 p.m.
*Fri & Sat @ 7:00 & 9:30

Home on the Range - PG
Voices of: Cuba Gooding Jr.
*Sat - Sun @ 2:00 & 4:10

Evening: Adults \$6.75 • Children \$5.95 • Seniors \$6.75
Tuesday Senior Matinee at 2:00pm All Seats \$2.50
Matinee • All Seats \$5.00

Big effort made to bring big donation to town

Two northwest Michigan businesswomen, after learning of the Crawford County Library systems strained budget during a television news broadcast, offered to donate about 10,000 books for a sale that would help benefit the libraries.

Karen Goodale phoned Library Director Bambi Mansfield a few weeks ago, making the offer and when the director realized that time was of the essence and could not organize picking up such a huge donation single-handedly, she passed the donor information on the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries' Treasurer Shirley Schmooch.

Goodale operates the Mesick Resale Shoppe in Mesick. She, along with Linda Williams of the Book and Antique Center in Thompsonville, worked with Schmooch to arrange pick up of the large donation.

Both businesswomen use the Internet to buy and sell items and had accumulated quite a collection of books, old and new.

Schmooch told Friends of the Libraries President Alice Sturm of the donation then began making arrangements to haul them to Grayling.

"I jumped at this challenge," said Schmooch, "but I thought,

what does a group of 10,000 books look like? Well, it's a stack of boxes 15 feet long, six feet high and 10 feet wide. It is a lot of books!"

Schmooch said a trip to Mesick helped answer the question of what size truck would be needed to make one trip, and approximately how many "movers" would make quick work of the task.

"Making a few phone calls, I was delighted that the young men of the Shawono Center were eager to meet this huge task and then Northern Pure Ice made an offer on a truck," Schmooch explained. "The trip to retrieve the 10,000 books was on."

Schmooch said she intended to use the old library for temporary storage while preparing for a huge book sale, but it was under water and full of mold from a burst pipe. "This we discovered the day before the move," she said. "All the best-laid plans, it seems, have glitches and never work as scheduled."

Local businessmen Bill Gannon and Randy Thompson helped with "emergency plan B," that being to find a new storage building. Schmooch said Gannon and Thompson made many calls and finally arranged for the books to be located in the old storefront of a former dollar store (and former parts store) on North James Street (I-75 Business Loop), across from the Marathon gas station.

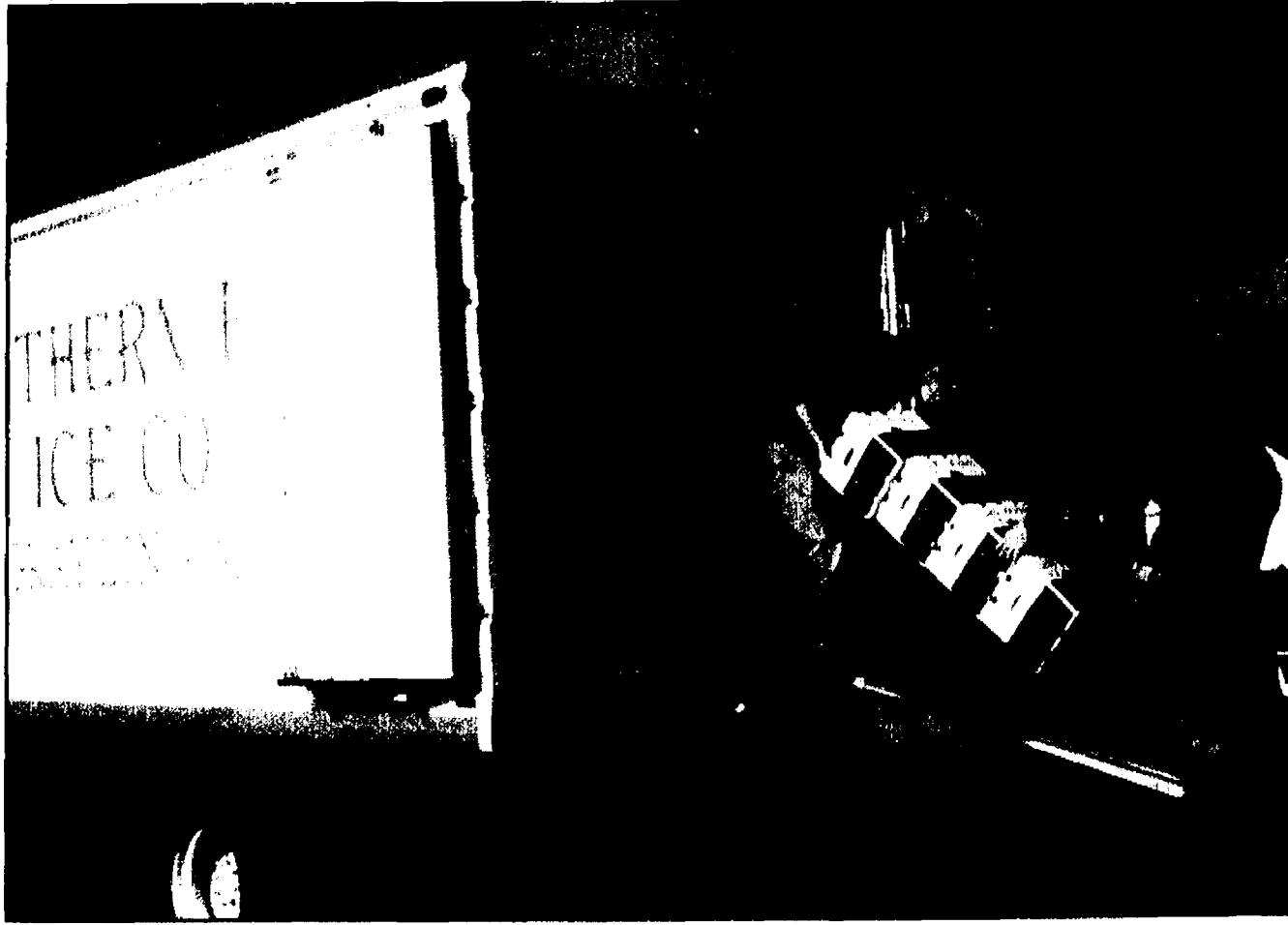


Photo courtesy of Shirley Schmooch

Young men of the Shawono Center near Grayling met the huge task recently of moving approximately 10,000 books donated for a sale to raise funds to benefit the Crawford County Library system.

"No power, no water, no furnace, but lots of clean, dry space. We were in luck!" Schmooch said.

Chad Ventline, Merchandise Manager for Northern Pure Ice served as the driver and Fick & Sons, Inc. picked up the fuel tab. "Did you know that an ice truck gets a princely sum of four miles per gallon?" asked Schmooch.

Chuck Ammon, Director of Shawono Center and Treatment

Supervisor Bob Gariepy accompanied the moving team. "The entire group never stopped," Schmooch said. "They never balked at the size of the book pile, and they never grumbled when we found the books in Thompsonville in Linda's basement. We couldn't have made this Herculean move without all the help of all these people."

The books will be sold at an upcoming special book sale to

help finance a library operating millage campaign that will come before the voters in August. The Crawford County Library Board of Directors received approval from the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on April 13 to place the .45-mill request on the August 3 Primary ballot.

Anyone who wishes to help sort, organize and/or work at the sale, may contact President Alice Sturm for details at 348-1554.



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HOMETOWN NEWS

The late Violet Forbush was honored on January 20 with the passage of a resolution by the City of Dearborn, stating "In Deepest Sympathy: With full awareness that the loss of a good citizen and a fine human being creates an irreplaceable void for the total community, Mayor Michael A. Guido and the Dearborn City Council were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Violet Forbush."

Violet was a resident of Maple Forest Township. She died on January 3.

Violet's son, Dr. David Forbush, DVM, owner and operator of Forbush Corners, described his mother as "an interesting lady."

She was a home economics teacher when his father, Keith's real estate office was suffering through the 1958 recession. She decided to get her real estate license and "save" the office. Dave said, "We sort of chuckled at the attitude and knew that there would be no stopping her."

There were no women real estate agents in Dearborn at that time, Dave said. There was one broker, and she had her own office and it was a minimal effort.

"Four salesmen (out of 14) came into my dad's office when they heard about it and told my dad that if he hired a woman, they were leaving," recalled Dave. "They could not work in an office with a woman and that women would ruin the business. Three of the four quit. The fourth hung around long enough to see Mom emerge the very first month as the top salesperson in the office."

This was a position she held until the day she retired at age 72.

Violet was active in just about every organization in Dearborn. "If AAUW was having a book sale, she would be the head of it," said Dave.

She served as president at one time or another for Zonta, AAUW, YWCA, Rotary Anns,



This photo of the late Keith and Violet Forbush was taken at a banquet in 1988 when she was named "Person of the Year" by the Inter-Service Club Council of Dearborn, a collaborative body of all of Dearborn's service clubs.

and was also an elder in the Presbyterian church.

She served on the hospital board that eventually inspired Henry Ford Hospital to build a branch in Dearborn. She was also involved in a group that restored Henry Ford's Fairlane estate.

Most uniquely, Dave remi-

nised, his mother had a way, when someone was mean to her or abused her in some way, of being overly kind to them and just pretending the incident never happened. "It would really catch them so off guard that they would return as a friend," he said. "It was unnerving, to say the least."

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Thursday, April 29 - Meatloaf/Pork chops; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Craft Class 10 a.m.; B.P.'s taken 11 a.m. - noon.

Friday, April 30 - Chicken patty/no dinner; Pantry bingo 1 p.m.; Stagette club 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 - Brunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday, May 3 - Kielbasa & kraut/Cabbage rolls; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Stag Club noon; Bridge Club 1 p.m.; Hangman 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4 - Beef goulash/Swedish meatballs;

Euchre 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 5 - Creamed chicken over biscuits/roast beef; Commodities 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Exercise & Line Dance 10:00 a.m.; Hearing Clinic 10 a.m.; Stag Club 12 noon; Cardio 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays - salad bar; Mondays and Wednesdays - soup bar.

All Crawford County senior citizens and their families are welcome and encouraged to visit the Senior Center in Grayling.



The 2004 Kirtlands Warbler Festival!

Bigger And Better Than Ever!
Sat. May 15
Kirtland Community College

Nature presentations:
Joe Rogers with his live hawks, eagles and owls
• MUCC's "Michigan's Wild Woodlands" with live animals • Ron Austing's stunning video "Birds of the Jack Pines" • "The Art of Interpretive Birding" by Dr. Jim Davis • "Warbler's World" the story of the Kirtland's warbler by leading wildlife biologists and much, much more.

Craft Show • Horse-drawn wagon rides • Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom with beautiful live animals • Nature art show • Displays by DNR, US Forest Service, US Fish & Wildlife Service and many others • Mitten Rock & Gem Society • Huge kid's activity tent • Kid's fishing pond

Special Friday Workshop (14th)
"Becoming a Better Naturalist Through Interpretive Birding" by Dr. Jim Davis. A popular workshop by this world-renowned Australian naturalist on interpreting bird behavior which helps the birder become a better all-around naturalist. • 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch and field trip included. \$45. Reservations: 989-275-3000 ext. 418

Off-Campus Nature events:
Houghton Lake Marsh Wetland Bird Tour • Wakeley Lake Foot Trail Area • Galagan Nature Preserve • Jeremy & Lois Jones Nature Preserve • Call for details.

• Pancake breakfast • BBQ chicken lunch • And much, much more!

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Apprentice Richard W. Saxton, a 2003 graduate of Grayling High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During the eight-week program, Saxton completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs,

first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations," an exercise that gives recruits the key skills and confidence they need to graduate and take to the fleet. Battle Stations has been

designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

New home-style restaurant opens

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Westside Diner, owned by Paul and Val Wilson, opened April 21, and is already very busy.

The Wilsons said the fact that they are in a convenient location with lots of parking available, and they offer good meals at reasonable prices, is the reason for their early success. In fact, they claim to have the cheapest coffee of any restaurant in town.

The food is all homemade and customers can order breakfast anytime, although lunch and dinner specials are offered every day. Desserts are also homemade and range from brownies, to shortcake, to pies.

This is the first restaurant the couple has owned, although Val has been the manager at the Grayling Country Club for several years and Paul's mom, Rose, operates several restaurants near Jackson, so the business is not exactly new to them.

The Westside Diner has smoking and non-smoking sections, with a TV in each, for those who want to keep up on news and/or sports.



Photo by Susan Warrington

Owners Paul and Val Wilson, who just opened their home-style restaurant just west of Grayling on M-72, will hold their Grand Opening on Friday, April 30.

The restaurant is located at 6301 M-72 West (the old Aunt Betty's building). The Westside Diner is opens from 6 a.m. every

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Range firing scheduled during April 30 - May 6 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) - April 30, May 1-2, May 4-6.

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Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek - April 30 - May 2, May 4-6.

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling office of the Department of Natural Resources for the area closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

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HONORS

Hillsdale College

John McNamara, student at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI has been selected to receive a scholarship as a participant in the Laureates Program.

The Laureates Award is a highly selective program giving students majoring in math or biology the opportunity to pro-

pose a scientific question for his or her senior thesis and attempt to answer it through research during the summer preceding graduation.

John is a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School. He is the son of Michael and Beverly McNamara of Grayling and the grandson of Chester and Peggy Burzynski of Bay City and Larry and Maureen McNamara of Grayling.



John McNamara

Motel has new owners



Photo by Susan Warrington

New owner, Kris Hoskins, stands in one of the rooms of her motel located in Beaver Creek Township.

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Dave and Kris Hoskins have visited here for years and decided they wanted to retire in this area. However, they weren't quite ready to retire - they wanted something different to do.

When they learned a motel in Beaver Creek Township was available, they decided to give it a whirl.

The Travelers Choice Motel, located at 7852 S. Grayling Road, near the intersection of Old U.S. 27, near the Four Mile Road (Exit 251 on I-75), has been open since October and they have been busy giving it a good cleaning and thinking about ways to make it more attractive to families.

Kris said the motel is in a quiet location and offers a homey, personal touch. Each room has a

small refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker and there is one efficiency unit which is available by the week or month.

Kris said they are planning to build a pavilion to accommodate family gatherings for their customers.

In addition to running the motel, Kris, who worked for an insurance company, makes necklaces, bracelets and earrings which are available at the motel, the Navajo Trading Post in Houghton Lake, and at the Icehouse in Grayling. She said she may be offering classes in jewelry making, crocheting and knitting soon.

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Hospital recognizes dedication of lab employees

During National Medical Laboratory Week April 18-24, 2004, Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) recognized the dedication, professionalism and excellence of its laboratory professionals.

Medical Laboratory personnel are key in the continuous exploration of the human condition. As medical "scouts," they help clinicians track what has already occurred physically and look ahead to potential benefits and/or problems patients may face in the future.

These dedicated health professionals who provide essential medical data to healthcare providers were honored nationwide April 18-24 with this year's theme "Laboratory Professionals: Working with you for Better Health."

From pregnancy tests to blood counts, the laboratory at OMH processed more than 142,000 specimens in 2003 and delivered the results to physicians. Certified medical technologists, phlebotomists and support staff provide service 24 hours a day, seven days a week to serve inpa-



Photo courtesy of Otsego Memorial Hospital

Several members of the OMH laboratory team celebrating National Medical Laboratory Week included: (front) Michelle Kukulski, Carolyn Buclay, (second row) Jennifer Vogel, Janice Quinn, Dennis Cygan, (third row) Richelle Cook, Theresa VanderPutten, Juanita Sarzynski, Joseph Borowiak, Michael O'Neill, (fourth row) Carol Johnson, Nancy Fogle, Kurt Cancilla, and Meghan Bozman.

tients, outpatients, clinics and home health agencies.

Medical Technologists specialize in the areas of chemistry, microbiology, hematology, urinalysis, blood banking, and coagulation in order to provide tests such as cholesterol and prostate screening, strep and viral cultures, thyroid studies and

banking blood products, tissues and grafts to name a few.

The phlebotomists at OMH are proficient at obtaining the appropriate specimens and strive to make the process as quick and painless for the patient as possible.

From the phlebotomists who collect the specimens, to the

medical technologists who process and analyze each test, there is a sense of pride in knowing that they are instrumental in the diagnostic process of medicine.

OMH operates the main laboratory within the Hospital as well as two satellite locations in the OMH Professional Medical Building and at the Otsego Diagnostic and Specialty Clinic on M-32 East in Gaylord.

HONORS

Adrian College

Colby Davis was among several Adrian College students recognized for their academic success at the Adrian College Honors Awards Ceremony on April 2.

Colby, a senior majoring in psychology and English-writing, received the Outstanding Senior in English, Outstanding Senior in Psychology and the Alpha Chi Outstanding Scholar.

The Alpha Chi Scholarship Award is given to the graduating members of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society with the highest grade point average. The Scholarship Cup is inscribed with the names of the students with the highest grade point averages at Adrian College.

Colby is a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School and the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis, of Grayling.

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- Add exercise to your daily routine with your doctor's approval.

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River House cleans up with help from Lear

UAW Local 1819 and Lear Corporation at the Roscommon Plant sponsored a "Bathe With a Friend" Contest for staff of Lear to benefit River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services.

To be eligible for the drawings, each person had to bring in one bath towel, a washcloth and a bar of soap for River House Shelter. Ron Poston, winner of a new "friend" (a rubber duck) commented, "It was fun and a great way to help support a very worthy cause in our area." In the end, over 200 items were donated.

River House Shelter serves homeless people and victims of domestic and sexual violence in Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties. Any organization or individual who would like to show support by volunteering or hosting a fundraiser is asked to call (989) 348-3169 for more information.



Ron Poston, Lear employee, Marey Jurkovich, Community Educator from River House Shelter and Kent Allen, Human Resources Manager with Lear Corporation display the many items collected during the company's "Bathe With a Friend" contest to benefit River House Shelter.

\$1.3 million loan advances northern broadband goal

This week the Michigan Broadband Development Authority (MBDA) closed a \$1.3 million loan to M-33 Access -- a wireless Internet service provider based in Rose City. The loan will extend and improve wireless broadband service in a 10,000 square mile region stretching across one of the state's most rural and under-served regions.

This expanded network (when

complete) will be the largest of its kind in the country, covering the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Roscommon, and some portions of Bay, Clare, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Presque Isle.

The financing means a region with a population in excess of 392,000 residents will now enjoy access to wireless broadband service. When fully operational, approximately 158,500 households and 9,700 business will have access to the network.

Governor Jennifer Granholm's State of the State Address established a goal of expanding affordable broadband service to each corner of the state by 2007 and she lauded M-33 for its innovation in serving the region: "M-33 is a fast growing Michigan-based company that is revolutionizing how broadband can be delivered to users in an effective and cost-efficient manner. I am thrilled that the entrepreneurial spirit behind this company can be supported by the state's Broadband Authority loan. This is exactly the type of project I

envisioned when challenging the Authority to help speed service to all parts of our great state."

The loan will also be used by M-33 to provide broadband service to Kirtland Community College (KCC) and the Northeast Michigan Electrical Consortium Internet Group (NEMECIG) -- a consortium of 13 public school districts, the M-TEC center in Gaylord, and two intermediate school districts in the region. These entities will save nearly \$1 million in telecommunications costs and will have expanded and improved high-speed services as a result of this project.

"I am a strong advocate for providing our students with the best possible tools to improve the quality of their education," said Glenn Wilson, President, Chief Executive Officer and founder of M-33 Access. "I am obviously excited about the project in its entirety, but often think about the new and exciting world this network will offer to students in the area." The project will provide broadband access to more than 22,000 K-12 public school students.

The vice president of the MBDA, James Butler, III, feels

this project is directly linked to the vision under which the MBDA was created.

"Providing affordable broadband access to underserved regions of the state comes as a directive right from the statute creating the Broadband Authority. No other loan application typifies this directive more than this project does," said Mr. Butler. "When you talk about complete accessibility across 10 counties covering 10,000 square miles, in one of the most pristine and rural areas of our state, there is no better project that can be tied to our mission."

"The Governor's vision for cool cities and hot jobs throughout a Michigan connected by high-speed Internet access is further realized by this loan," said David C. Hollister, Director of the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth. "Providers like M-33 Access are helping us ensure that high-speed Internet access is a reality everywhere in Michigan by 2007."

More information about the Michigan Broadband Development Authority and its programs can be found at www.broadbandauthority.org.

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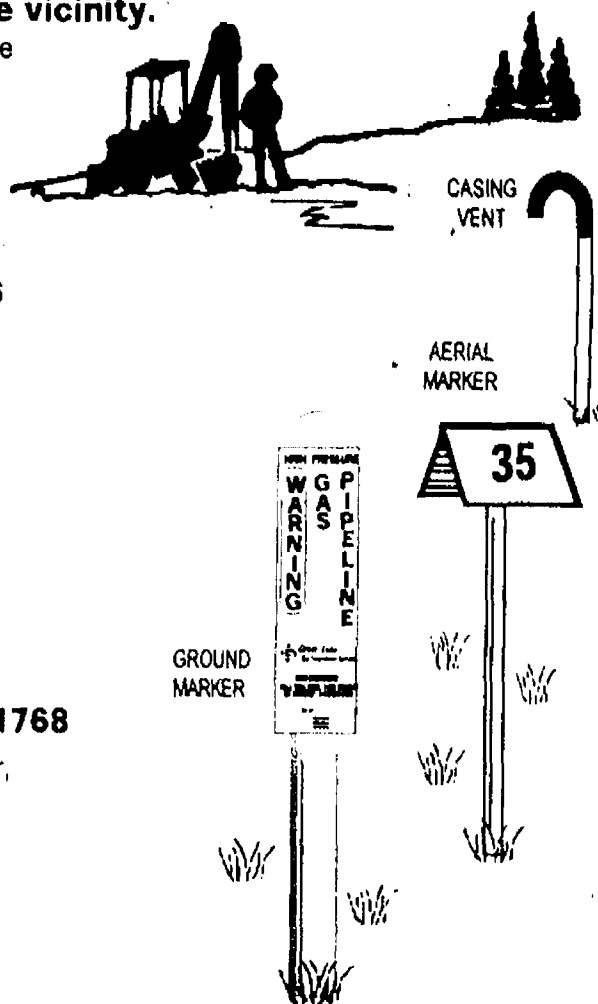
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WWII, Korean War vets to receive diplomas

LANSING — As America prepares to commemorate the 60th anniversary of "D-Day" as one of the greatest triumphs of World War II, state Representative Matt Gillard (D-

Alpena 106th District) is introducing a new program in north-east Michigan to honor members of "The Greatest Generation" as well as veterans from the Korean War.

Gillard plans to present honorary high school diplomas to military personnel in the new 106th House District who did not receive diplomas because they left school to answer the call of duty. He announced the plan earlier this month during a speech to members of the United States Air Force Association at the National Guard base in Alpena.

"It will give me great joy to be able to bestow this honor upon our veterans," Gillard said. "Their sacrifices made it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms we take for granted today. I feel the diploma presentation now is the least we can do to express our gratitude for their courageous and noble conduct."

The initiative to present veterans throughout Michigan with honorary high school diplomas was launched three years ago by State Representative Dale Sheltrown (D-West Branch). At least 165 veterans in Michigan have received diplomas through Sheltrown's legislation.

Any WWII or Korean War veterans in the 106th District are eligible for this recognition. The district includes the counties of Alpena, Alcona, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle. Gillard plans to present the diplomas to all of the military personnel from his district at a ceremony in May, coinciding with Memorial Day. The date and location of the ceremony will be announced later.

Any questions about this issue, or event, call Rep. Gillard toll-free at 1-866-MATT-106.



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Hospice volunteers inspire by example

For the nation's hospices, National Volunteer Week, April 18-24 provided an opportunity to recognize hospice volunteers, those individuals who play a key role in fulfilling hospice's mission to care for dying people and their families.

According to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, approximately 500,000 people volunteer in the nation's 3,200 hospice organizations, providing more than ten million hours of service annually.

For many of these volunteers, their decision to give of their time began with the compassionate care a dying loved one received from their local hospice.

The generosity of spirit and selfless support, characteristic of hospice volunteers, touches the lives of many people they serve, not just the dying patient. Offering care and compassion to others becomes an important way for many people to "give back" to hospice.

Hospice is not a place but a kind of care delivered by an interdisciplinary team that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, aides,

clergy, and trained volunteers. Hospice provides expert medical services, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support to the dying and their loved ones.

The hospice movement in this country began more than 25 years ago by people who wanted to make a difference. Today, hospice is a recognized part of the health care continuum, serving more than 885,000 patients in 2002.

Volunteers remain an essential part of hospice. In fact, the role of volunteers is built into Medicare's regulations, which require that five percent of patient care hours be provided by trained volunteers.

"The roots of hospice are grounded in the dedicated work of volunteers who wanted to provide a more compassionate, dignified experience for the dying," remarked J. Donald Schumacher, Psy. D., NHPCO president and CEO.

"Hospice volunteers are an integral part of the care team, sharing with patients, loved ones, and hospice staff in one of life's most challenging journeys."

The true value of hospice volunteers cannot be measured in

terms of hours or dollars. Hospice volunteers provide an all-important community connection for patients and families, while helping in countless other ways. Their time, whether it is spent at the bedside, in the office, or doing errands, often is given in memory of a loved one, thus becoming a living legacy of caring and love for patients, and of healing for the volunteer.

National Volunteer Week provided an opportunity to honor those who have given so much and inspire others through their example.

Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice recognized Crawford County volunteers Wilma Case, Mel and Ann Fishell, Vicki Green, Patrick Hanafin, Scott Hooper, Howard King, George Morse, Jeff Steffey and Randy Stueve for their caring and support of the local hospice program.

Learn more about hospice and volunteering by visiting www.hospiceinfo.org, or contact Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator, Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice at (989) 348-0039 or 1-800-424-1457.

Kids raising funds to develop hands-on museum

The student council of the Gaylord Intermediate School launched its annual fundraising drive on April 13 to benefit a worthy non-profit organization. This year, the proceeds from the fund drive will be directed to the Northern Michigan Children's Museum (NMCM), which is a new organization that is attempting to create and open a hands-on children's museum in Gaylord.

Bearing the slogan, "Money for the Museum," the students plan to raise quarters from their families, friends, local businesses and even their own piggy banks.

Jim Berigan, the executive director of the children's museum, said he is incredibly honored that local students are working for the success of the museum. "I am amazed and inspired by the thoughtfulness of these young people. The idea of children pitching in to build a children's museum is inspiring to me and makes me work even harder to turn this dream into a reality."

In February, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to enter into lease negotiations on a parcel of property near downtown Gaylord and those negotiations are ongoing.

One of the board members is an architect and has drawn an initial floor plan for a 25,000-square foot facility that would house wings for local and international-themed exhibits, large water and sand tables, a musical instrument area, space for traveling exhibits, classrooms, a food court, and even a greenhouse on

the roof.

Meanwhile, the NMCM has addressed several local service organizations and is seeking both financial and moral support that will prove to large philanthropic foundations that this project has regional backing.

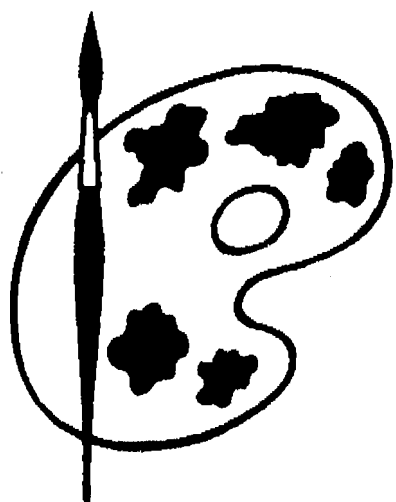
The museum has a web site, www.nmcm.org. On this site, there is a survey that asks families if they would become members of the museum once it opens. So far, almost 200 families have responded positively to this question. The survey has also generated numerous leads for volunteerism and financial donations.

Berigan added, "This is the first official fundraiser that has been conducted for the benefit of our children's museum. It seems a natural fit that this debut is in coordination with kids."

Student council faculty adviser Stacey Wright said it was an easy decision for the student council to settle on the children's museum as the fundraiser's beneficiary. "It made a lot of sense to the students to get behind a project that would ultimately provide them with a fun and exciting place to learn. We are thrilled to be able to help." The fundraiser runs through May 4.

With their non-profit, tax-exempt application currently under review by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the NMCM has established an official relationship with the Otsego County Community Foundation, which allows them to accept donations and the donors still qualify for federal tax deductions.

Artists invited to enter Alpena museum's 2004 juried art show



Artists living full time or seasonally in Northeast Michigan who are interested in participating in the prestigious Jesse Besser Museum's 2004 Juried Art Show are invited to call the Museum now at (989) 356-2202 to receive a prospectus.

All visual media are eligible. Gregory Wittkopp, Director of Cranbrook Art Museum, will jury the show. Prizes include: First Place Award of \$500 plus a one-person show at the museum; \$250 Second Place Award; \$100 Third Place Award; and Three Honorable Mentions.

The show is open to people 16 years of age and older. Application forms and entry slides are due at the museum by August 27. Successful entrants and award winners will have their work displayed at the Museum from October 10 through November 7.

The Jesse Besser Museum is located at 491 Johnson Street in Alpena.

Murder suspect's hearing delayed

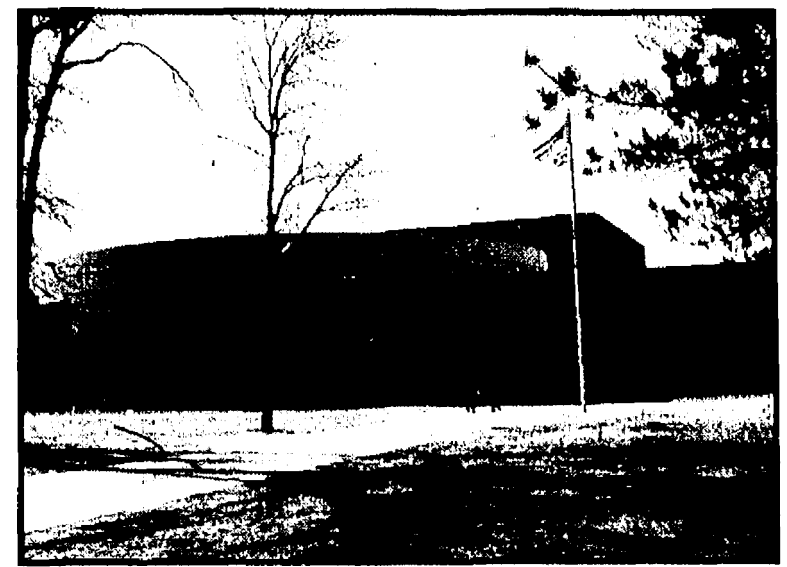
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Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said earlier this year that investigators have new evidence in the case and those involved with the prosecution believe there is enough evidence now to convict Bergan. No details about the new evidence has been released.

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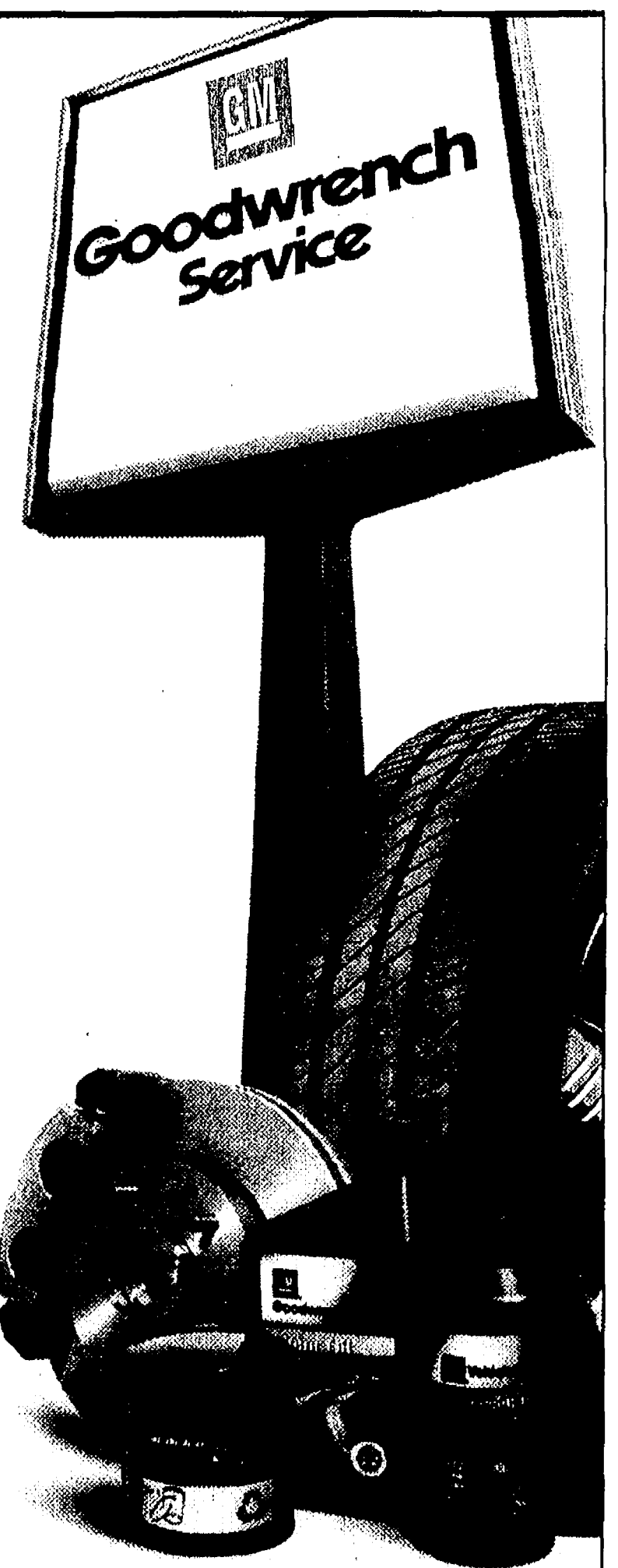
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Michigan granted 'split state' status for bovine TB

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LANSING — Achieving a long-awaited and worked for goal, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has granted Michigan zonal status for bovine tuberculosis (TB).

The designation, effective April 19, essentially separates Michigan into two zones:

- "Modified Accredited," which incorporates Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties, as well as the northern portions of Iosco and Ogemaw counties; and
- "Modified Accredited Advanced," which includes the remaining counties in the state's Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

"Split state status is positive news for the state's livestock industry," said Governor Jennifer Granholm. "Such a designation should lead to better economic opportunities for our producers, keeping them on the farm and preserving valuable farmland while helping ensure market access."

"This is an enormous achievement and a tribute to what can be accomplished through state, federal, local, university and industry partnerships, efforts and collaboration," said Dan Wyant, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA).

"All the hard work, resources and aggressive testing have paid off. We are now an important step closer — though we must remain diligent and focused — as we work toward eradicating bovine TB altogether from Michigan and ultimately garner free status," Wyant added.

As per federal protocol for

changing national animal health rules and regulations, USDA published the decision in the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Register April 20 (Vol. 69; No. 75). The USDA indicated that Michigan has shown marked progress in all areas of the TB eradication program. It also recognized that the state's intense surveillance effort has identified where bovine TB exists in Michigan, which allowed the federal government to grant the split state status designation.

More specifically, a split state status designation means:

- Producers in the Modified Accredited Advanced area are one step closer to becoming bovine TB free. Those in this zone will only need to test individual livestock rather than undergo a whole herd test if they move to another state or out of the zone. Previously, the entire state was classified as Modified Accredited.

- Producers in the 13 counties mentioned above are under the Modified Accredited designation, and will continue to fall under the testing, movement, and identification regulations for this zone.

"We recognize the hardship of continuous testing and movement restrictions for producers in northern lower Michigan and we are committed to further hone and enhance our eradication efforts in this affected area so we can apply for advanced status as soon as possible," Wyant said.

Although federal status has been granted, Wyant also explained that MDA must still revise its TB management zones to provide consistency between state and federal terminology, designations and requirements.

He reminded producers that the state zoning changes are under consideration during a 30-day public comment period and hearing process, which began on April 2 and runs through Friday, May 7.

Though the three public hearings have concluded, written comments are encouraged and may be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail by the close of the period to: Robert Tarrant, MDA Hearing Officer, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909; via e-mail to MDA-Info@michigan.gov; or via fax at (517) 373-6015.

Additionally, informational meetings and outreach programs

have been conducted across the state in an effort to continuously update stakeholders. For more information on TB activities, including a map of zones, visit www.michigan.gov/bovinetb on the Internet.

Michigan's Bovine TB Eradication Project is a multi-agency team of experts from the Michigan Departments of Agriculture, Community Health, and Natural Resources, Michigan State University and the USDA.

Since the TB Eradication effort began, nearly all of the state's one million livestock herds have been tested for the disease, with no TB found outside of an area in the northern Lower Peninsula.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has tested nearly 123,400 wild white-tailed deer, with 481 testing positive for bovine TB. Four elk and 42 carnivores/omnivores have also tested positive. Strategies adopted by the DNR, to reduce bovine TB in the wild white-tailed deer, have reduced the prevalence rate of the disease from the high in 1997 of 4.7 percent to 1.7 percent in 2004.

Mikenauk readies for NYC and Spring Concert

"How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" "Practice! Practice! Practice!"

"It's an old joke, but it's true," said Doug Armstead, Director of the Mikenauk Chorale and vocal director for Roscommon High School. "We've been working very hard for the past six months and it's now beginning to pay off."

More than 56 people, including Mikenauk Chorale members and spouses, Roscommon High School Chamber Choir members and chaperones, will leave early Thursday, April 29 for a five-day stay in New York City. They will

join several other mid-west choirs, soloists from the Metropolitan Opera, and a symphony orchestra to perform the very challenging Mass in C Major by Ludwig van Beethoven in a special concert at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, May 2.

Armstead, who has performed at Carnegie Hall previously, said "This is 'a once in a lifetime' event for most of our members and everyone is very excited about it. We still have a lot of work to do after we get there. Most of our time will be spent rehearsing with the other choirs, the Met soloists and the orchestra. But, we do hope to squeeze in a little sight-seeing, also."

The Chorale's Spring Concert is Sunday, May 9, at 7 p.m. (Mother's Day) at Roscommon High School at 10600 Oakwood Road in Roscommon. The event is being billed as a "Homecoming Concert" in honor of the group's return home from New York.

The Concert will include selections by such composers as Gastoldi, Petker, and Thomas

and will highlight selected movements from the Beethoven's Mass in C Major featuring soloists Tammy Chmielewski, Candace Peterson, Bill Winter and Brent Church.

Chorale President, June Karjalainen, said during the Concert the group will announce contributions totaling \$1,200 to area youth music programs.

Tickets for the May 9 Concert are \$4 per person and will be available for purchase at the Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce in Roscommon, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce in Grayling, Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce in Houghton Lake, Bank One of St. Helen and from members of the Mikenauk Chorale.

The Chorale is now associated with Kirtland Community College, and members may receive college credits for their participation. For more information about the Chorale, contact Doug Armstead, (989) 821-3775 or June Karjalainen, (989) 275-4287.

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GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following types of complaints during the period of April 18-25:

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Varsity baseball team splits doubleheader with Elk Rapids

Elks win game one 11-9, Czapek pitches no-hitter in game two

In their only doubleheader of last week, the Vikings of Grayling High School split a varsity baseball series with Elk Rapids at Grayling on Thursday. Doubleheaders scheduled for Monday and Wednesday were postponed due to weather conditions.

Elk Rapids won game one of Thursday's series 11-9.

"A real slugfest. Elk Rapids had 14 hits with Joey Schaub banging a three-run homer in the first inning and Josh Wiedman a two-run homer in the fourth inning. Grayling came back with 11 hits," Coach Bob Gorski said.

Joe Lange pitched for Grayling, and took his first loss of the season. His record is now 2-1.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Roy Czapek, 3 for 4, 1 RBI; DJ Metzger, 2 for 3, 1 RBI; Ryan Davis, 2 for 4 (2 doubles), 1 RBI; Greg Morrill, 2 for 3; Gibson Tobin, 1 for 2, 1 RBI.

Grayling won game two 11-1. Czapek pitched the entire game for GHS and finished with a no-hitter. He struck out six batters and walked two, improving his record to 2-0.

See "VARSITY TEAM..."



Greg Morrill steps up to bat for Grayling vs. Elk Rapids in last Thursday's doubleheader at GHS.

Elks win softball series

Elk Rapids pulls away late in both games to win doubleheader

Grayling High School's varsity softball team opened its conference schedule with two losses to a strong Elk Rapids squad last Thursday at Grayling.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the contest was scoreless after four innings.

"For four innings everything came together out in the field and we played to our potential. (Elk Rapids) had a big inning in the fifth, and their pitching and defense held us in check. Overall, we played well in this game, especially early," Coach Caleb Casey said.

The Elks scored six runs in the top of the fifth inning. Grayling scored one run in the bottom of the fifth to pull within five. (Heather Vandecar scored for GHS after reaching base on a walk and stealing second base. She scored from third on a ball hit by Chelsea Wolcott.)

Elk Rapids scored four more runs in the six (and final) inning. The Elks struck out the side in the seventh.

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See "ELKS WIN..."

Chilly weather doesn't stop fishermen



Photo by Susan Warrington

Nathan Anthony, 7, and his father Mark Anthony, from Bay City, enjoy the trout season opener Saturday on the AuSable River.

Young hunter bags first turkey



Dillon Helsel, 12, of Grayling recently bagged his first turkey. The turkey, which weighed 20 pounds and had a nine-inch beard, was taken by Helsel in Beaver Creek Township on April 19 with help from his uncle, Ron VanNuck.

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Moderation is key to a healthy life

By Ernie Harwell



I've seen a lot of people over the years make the mistake of putting too much time and energy into one activity or another. They'd develop an interest and, suddenly, that's their whole life. I saw it in college, in the Marines, and in my time as a reporter and broadcaster.

I've always felt that one of the most underrated "secrets" to living healthy is to lead a life of moderation. Whether it's working, eating, drinking, watching TV, spending time on the Internet, or even exercising, it's important to make sure we maintain a sense of balance. Don't overdo it.

Not investing too much in one aspect of our lives helps us focus and keep our perspective on what's truly important in life.

I believe it was Cicero who said, "Never go to excess, but let moderation be your guide."

It's worked for me over all these years, and I think it just makes good sense.

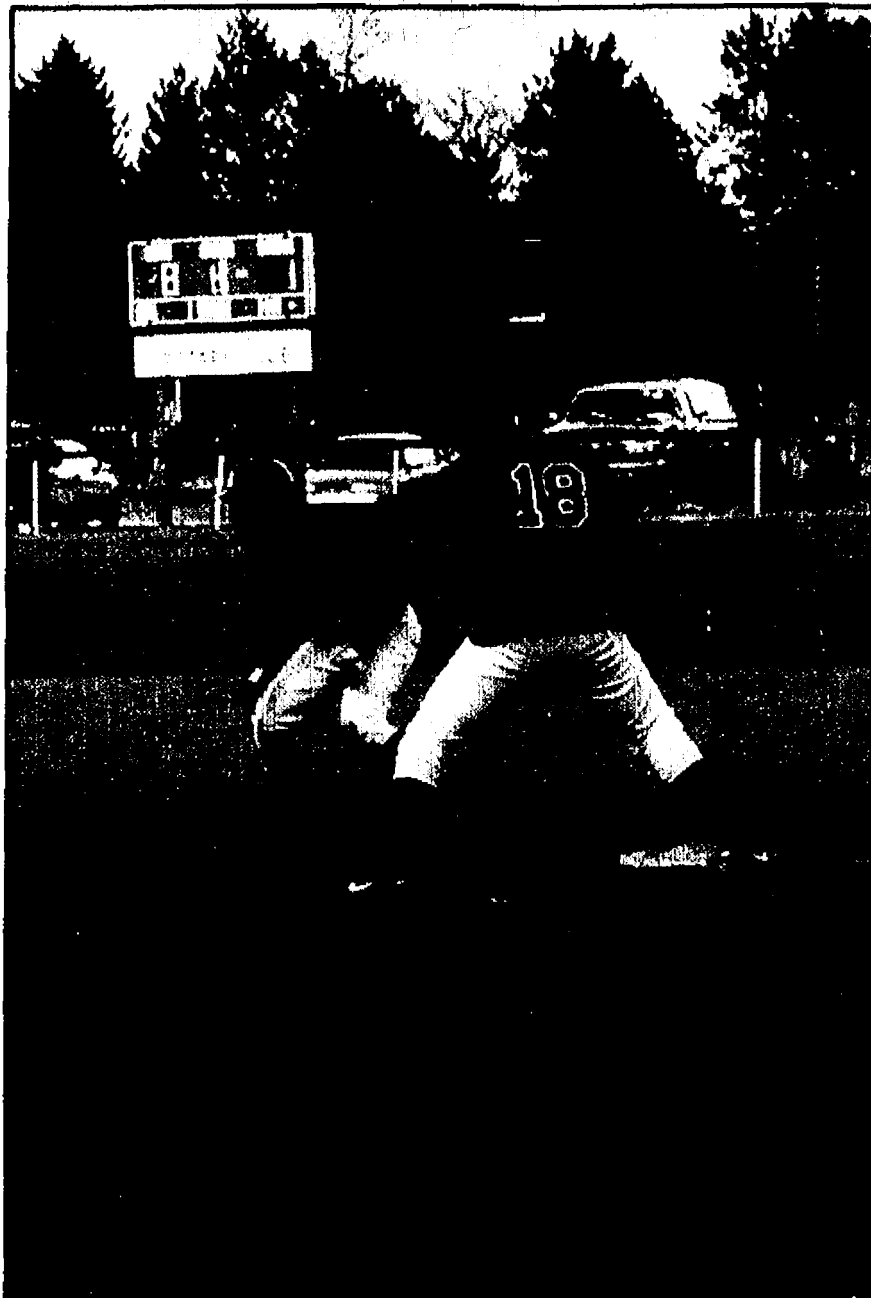
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Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

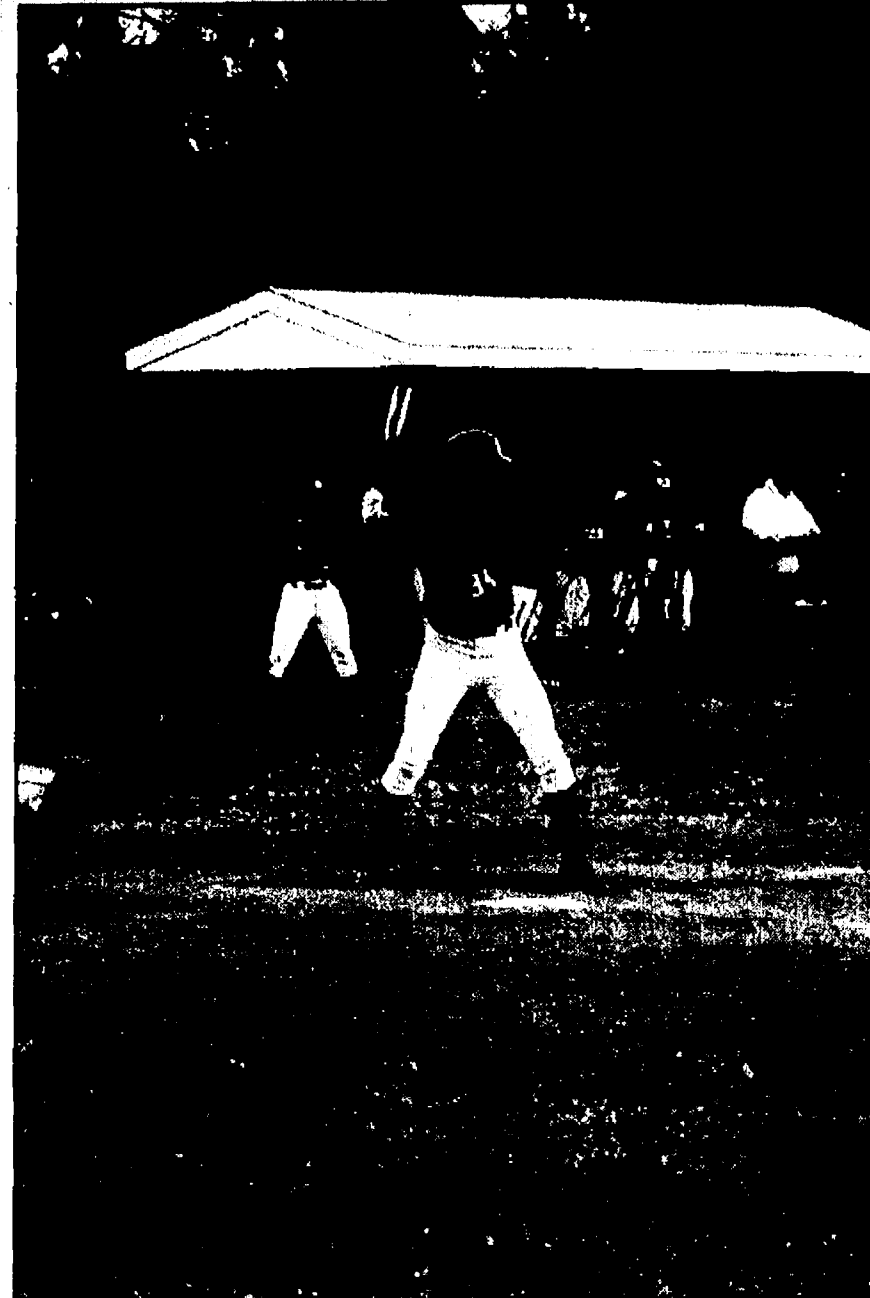
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Andy Strohpaal leads off at first base for Grayling in the Elk Rapids series.



Ryan Davis bats for the Vikings in last week's double-header vs. Elk Rapids.

Varsity team splits with Elk Rapids

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season record to 2-0. "The Vikings came out swinging and scored five runs in the first, three runs in the second, and three runs in the fourth for an 11-1 mercy victory. Gibson Tobin played a great defensive game at shortstop, turning a dou-

ble play to end the game," Coach Gorski said.

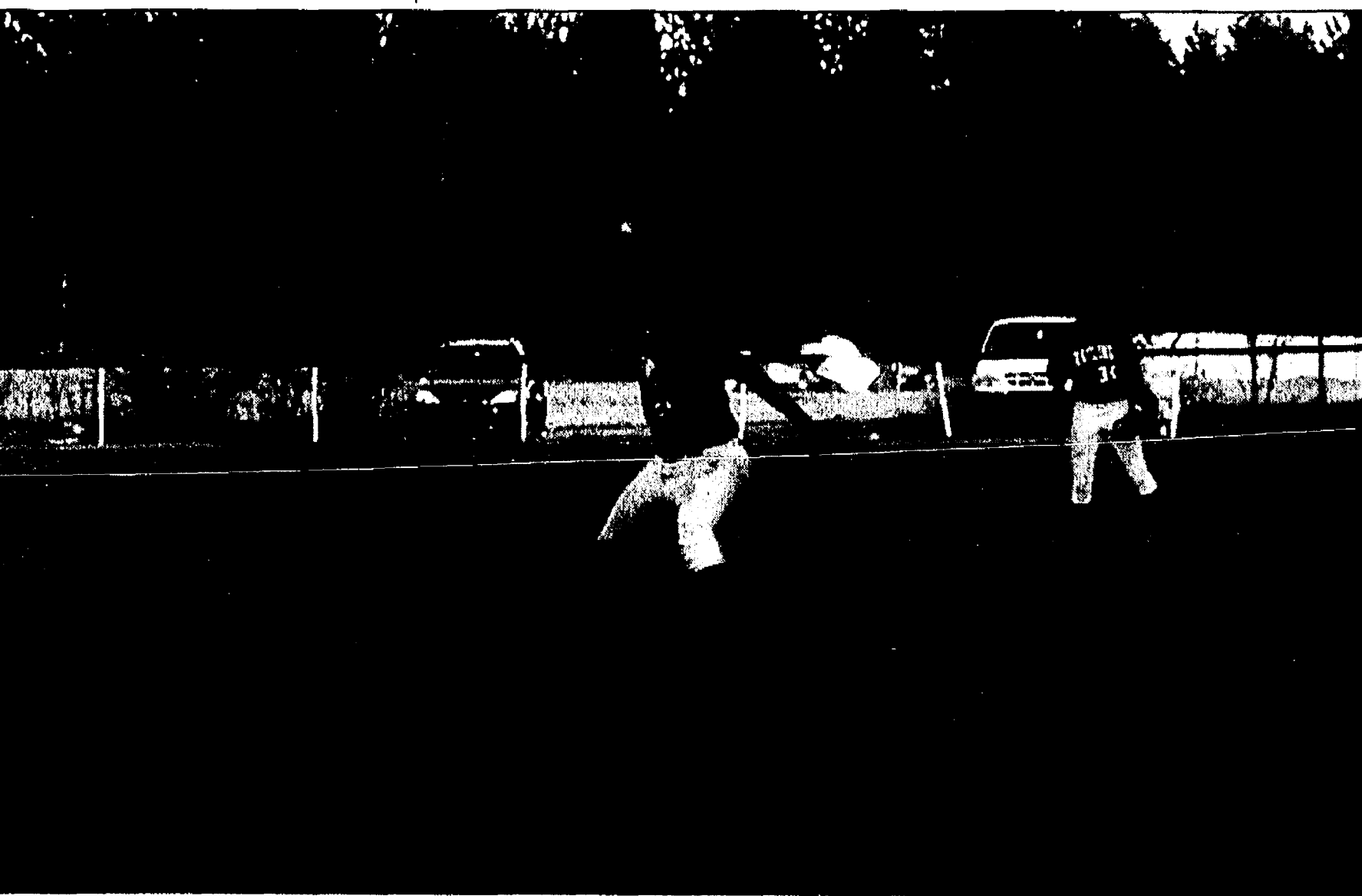
Leading hitters (Grayling): Davis, 2 for 2, 3 RBI; Andy Strohpaal, 2 for 3; Metzger, 2 for 3; Morrill, 2 for 3; Czappek, 2 for 2, 2 RBI; Lee Schreiber, 1 for 3, 2 RBI; Lange, 2 RBI.

The Vikings are 5-1 so far this

season (4-0 non-conference, 1-1 league). The team has a cumulative batting average of .450. Leading hitters so far: Morrill, 11 for 15 (.733); Davis, 9 for 13 (.691); Metzger, 10 for 18 (.555); Strohpaal, 5 for 12 (.416); Schreiber, 2 for 5 (.400); Lange, 7 for 18 (.389); Czappek, 6 for 14

(.350); Tobin, 5 for 15 (.333). The team has scored 51 runs in six games.

The Vikings will host Boyne City on Thursday, April 29, at 4:30 p.m. On Monday, May 3, the team will play at East Jordan. On Thursday, May 6, Grayling will host Harbor Springs.



Roy Czappek pitches for Grayling against Elk Rapids last week.

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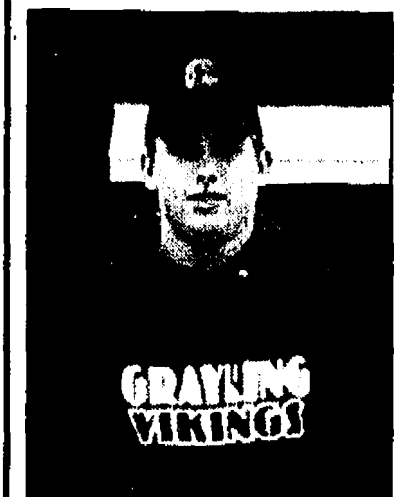
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Viking of the Week



Varsity Baseball
Coach: Bob Gorski
ROY CZAPEK

Roy tossed a no-hitter vs. Elk Rapids to improve his season record to 2-0 last week. He batted 5 for 6 with 4 RBI in the series.

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Chelsea Wolcott pitches for the Vikings in game one of last Thursday's varsity softball series at GHS.

Elks win varsity softball series

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the bottom of the sixth to seal a 10-1 victory.

Wolcott pitched the entire game for Grayling. She struck out six batters, walked four, and surrendered only three hits.

"Chelsea pitched a great game and Jessica Henderson played a great game behind the plate. Jessica threw out two runners trying to steal second and both players did a good job fielding Elk Rapids bunts and getting the outs at first," Coach Casey said.

The Elks won game two 13-0. The score was 3-0 after three innings, but Elk Rapids scored five in the fourth and five more in the fifth to pull away.

"Our defense lacked the intensity and communication that we

had in the first game. Elk Rapids hit the ball pretty well this game but we had quite a few errors and that hurt us," Coach Casey said.

Heather Metzger was the leading hitter for Grayling at 1 for 2 with one stolen base.

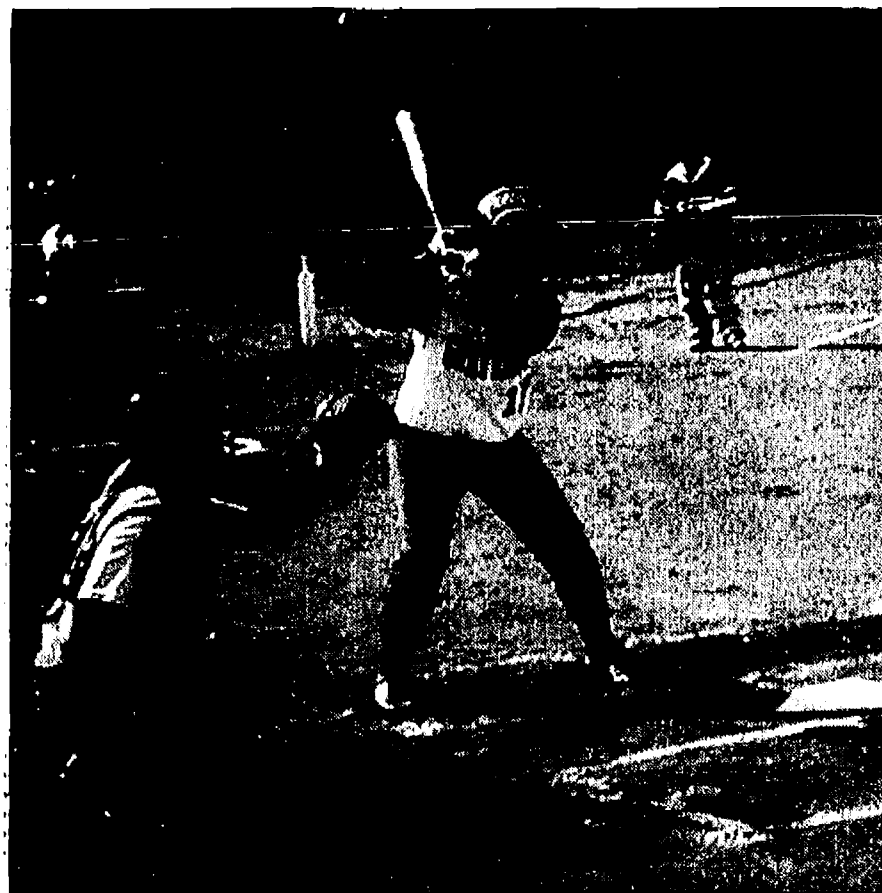
Sophomore Katie Baynham pitched for Grayling. She struck out two and walked seven in five innings. It was her GHS pitching debut. "I thought Katie pitched well for her first time out there," Coach Casey said.

Grayling's scheduled double-headers at Charlevoix and at home vs. Houghton Lake last week were postponed due to weather conditions.

The Vikings will host Boyne City on Thursday, April 29, at 4:30 p.m.



Heather Metzger bats for GHS vs. Elk Rapids.



Heather Vandecar bats for the Vikings on Thursday.



Ashley Prosser gets set at third base.

Viking sets new state record

Mandy Czapek's 22 blocks in a game breaks MHSAA record

In the fall of 2003, Mandy Czapek, starting center of the Grayling High School varsity girls basketball team, set a new Michigan High School Athletic Association record for most blocked shots in a game with 22.

The previous mark of 21 was set in 1979.



Czapek's record-breaking performance came in a contest at Roscommon on August 27, Grayling's girls basketball season opener. The Vikings won the game 59-56.

Czapek, a junior, finished the 2003 season with 129 blocks, good enough for the number nine slot in the MHSAA record book for most blocks in a season.

Katie Baynham pitches for Grayling in game two of the Elk Rapids series.

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Vikings of the Week

Chelsea Wolcott

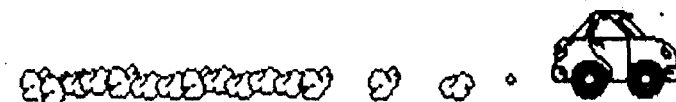
Jessica Henderson

Varsity Softball
Coach: Caleb Casey

CHELSEA WOLCOTT & JESSICA HENDERSON

Chelsea struck out six, walked four, and held a strong Elk Rapids squad to three hits in last Thursday's game. Jessica threw out two runners trying to steal second and played a great series overall behind the plate.

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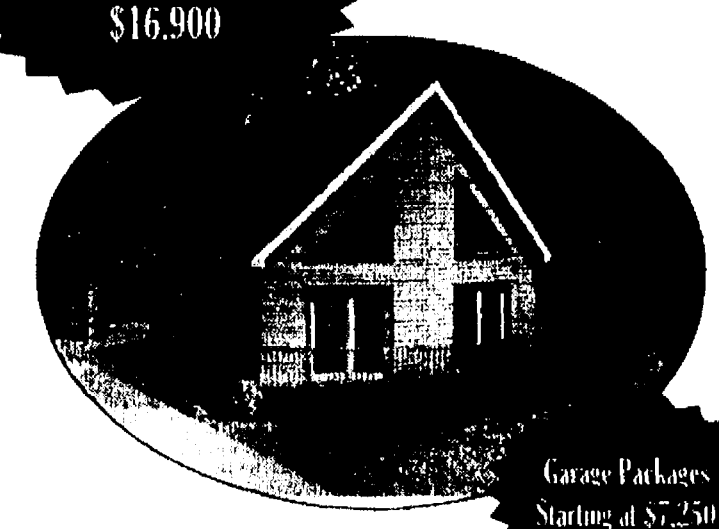
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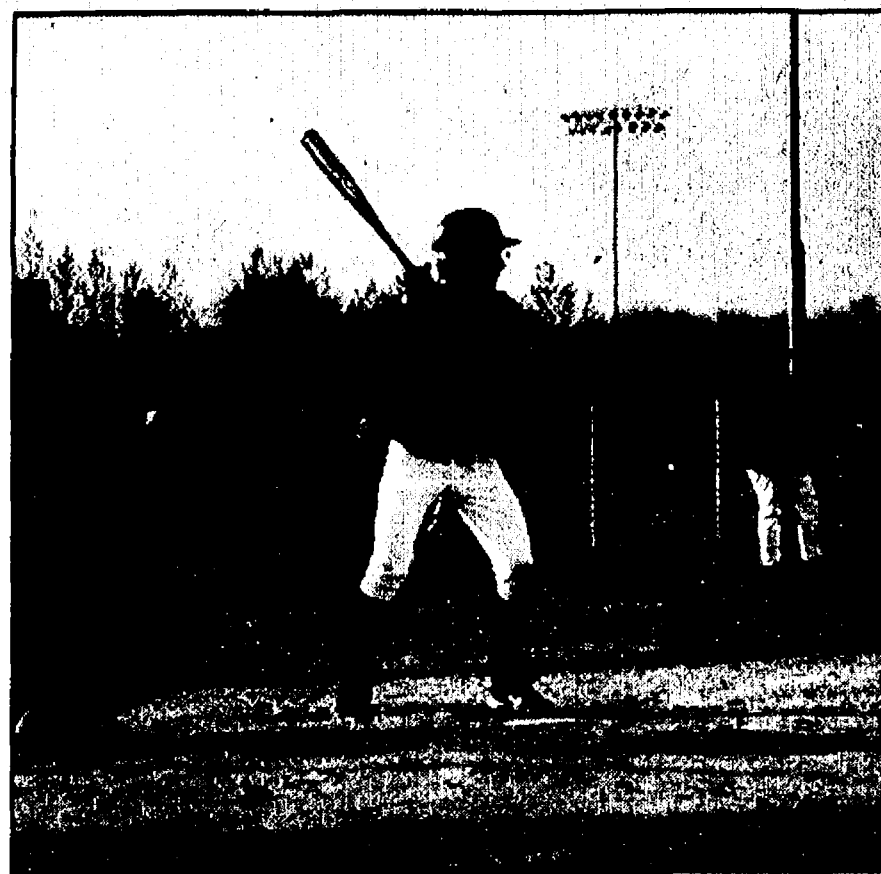
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J.C. Schneider slides into home plate for Grayling at Elk Rapids on Friday.



Eli VanNuck bats for the Vikings Friday night.

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JV baseball team wins 14-4, 9-2

Grayling sweeps Charlevoix; Schneider tosses game 1 no-hitter

The Vikings of Grayling High School won both games of a junior varsity baseball doubleheader last Tuesday at GHS. The victories extended Grayling's season record to 6-0.

In game one, J.C. Schneider threw a no-hitter for Grayling for his second victory of the season.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Schneider, 3 for 4, 3 RBI; Billy Stewart, 2 for 2, 4 RBI; Bobby Starks, 2 hits, 2 RBI; Josh Mastej, 2 hits; Zac Baker, 1 hit, 2 RBI; Mike Boylan, 1 hit, 1 RBI.

"Schneider pitched very well but gave up some walks and wild pitches to allow the Rayders to score. Again the team hit very well. Stewart continues to be on fire at the plate," Coach John Schneider said. "We also played great defensively."

In game two, Eli VanNuck threw a complete game one-hitter for the Vikings.

"We played another great game defensively," Coach Schneider said.

Leading hitter for Grayling was Ben Jones with 2 hits and 2 RBI. Brian Mastej, Stewart, Schneider, Starks, and VanNuck all had hits for Grayling.

"If we continue to get pitching like this, great things are going to happen for the kids," Coach Schneider said.
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Billy Stewart pitches for Grayling in game two of the doubleheader at Elk Rapids.



Zac Baker bats for GHS in last Friday's JV series at Elk Rapids.

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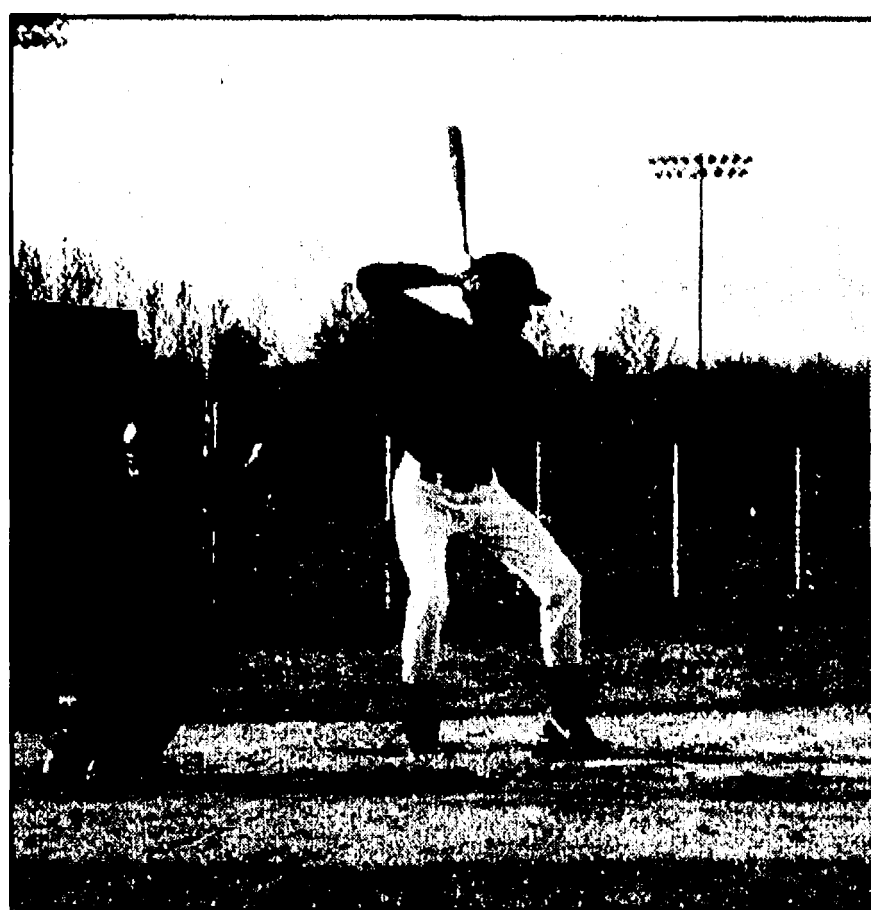
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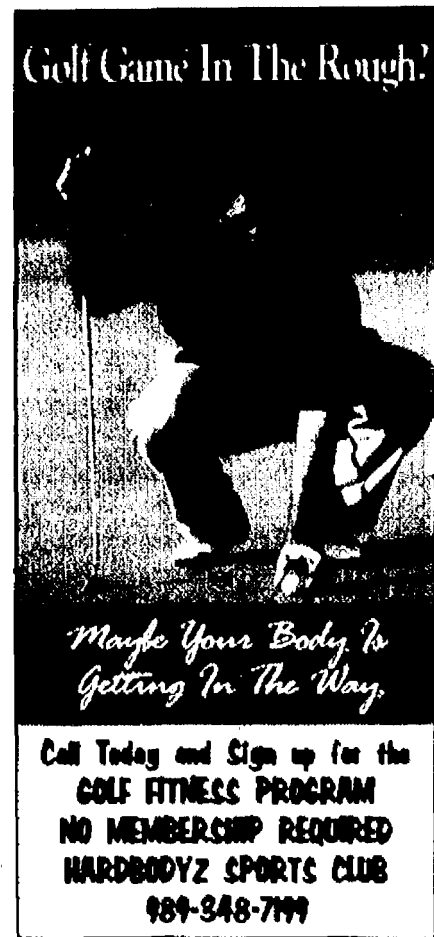
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Bobby Starks puts the ball in play for Grayling.



Troy Wilson bats for the Vikings on Friday night at Elk Rapids.



JV baseball team wins 14-4, 9-2

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Schneider said.

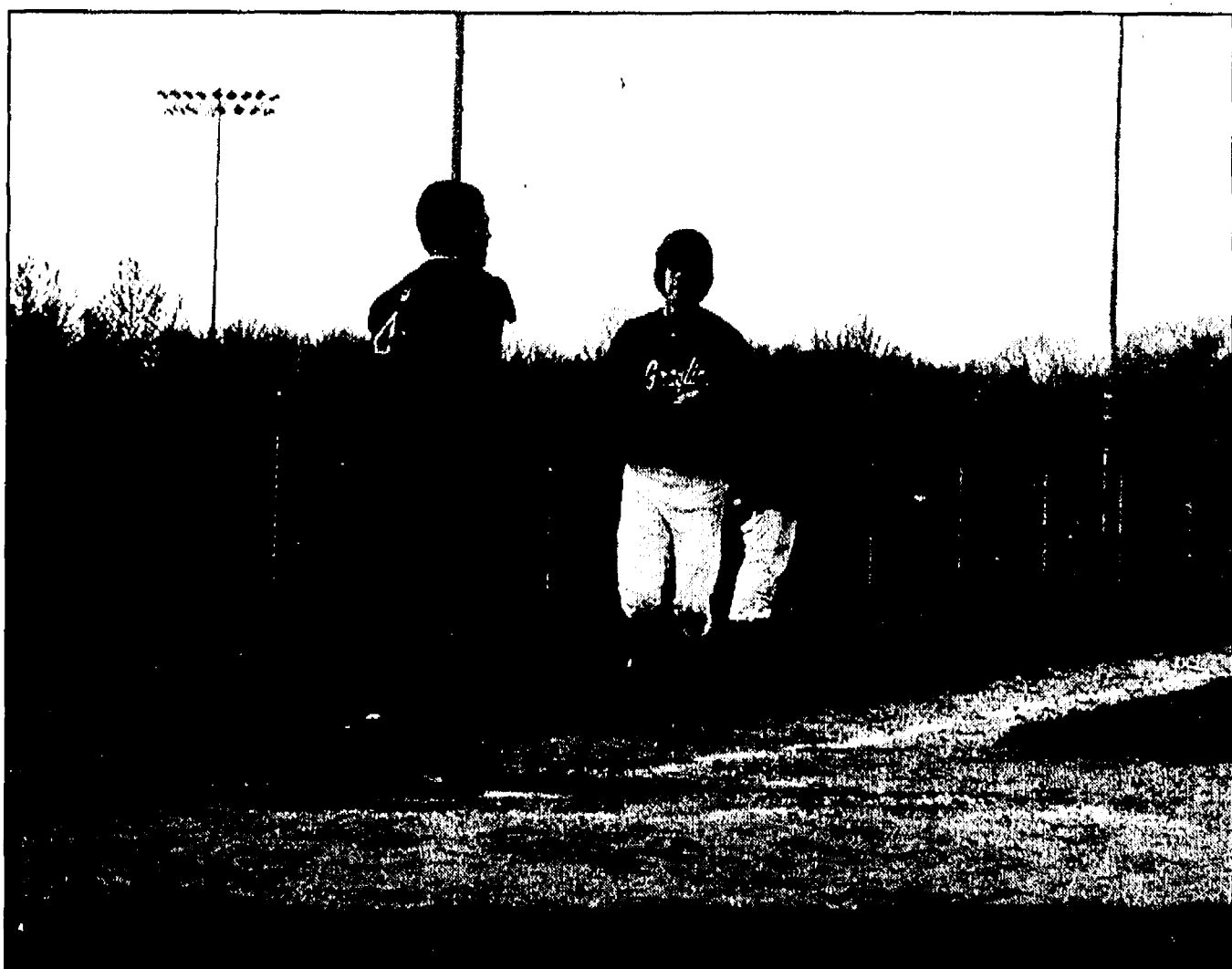
Overall in the Charlevoix series, Stewart was 3 for 3 with 4 RBI, Schneider was 4 for 6 with

4 RBI (including three doubles), and Starks was 3 for 6 with 3 RBI.

The JV team's scheduled game vs. Houghton Lake on

Wednesday was rained out.

The JV Vikings play at Boyne City on Friday, April 30. The team will host East Jordan on Monday, May 4, at 4:30 p.m.



Eli VanNuck scores a run for the Vikings on Friday.



Billy Stewart takes a pitch at Elk Rapids.

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Tennis team hosts Grayling Invitational

Vikings open 2004 season with match against Charlevoix

want to win dual matches as a team. For the first match of the season, I thought we worked hard and have a strong starting

point to build upon."

The Vikings will compete in the Boyne City Tournament on Friday, April 30.

Grayling High School's varsity boys tennis team placed second out of three squads at the Grayling Invitational on Saturday.

The Vikings finished with five team points. Elk Rapids won the event with 15 team points. Traverse City Central's JV squad scored four team points.

Winners for Grayling included: Zeke Hayes, #4 singles, 6-2, 6-1 over Elk Rapids; Matthias Schafer, #1 singles, 6-0, 6-0 over TCC; Doug Slater, #2 singles, 6-4, 6-4 over TCC; Hayes, #4 singles, 6-2, 6-1 over TCC; Scot Olson/Nate Helsel, #4 doubles, by default over TCC.

"We played really well today. Zeke Hayes went undefeated at #4 singles taking home the flight medal. Matthias Schafer and Doug Slater went 1-1 on the day at #1 and #2 singles. Both played really tough all day. And the #2 doubles team of Erik Olson and Zach Dean played great as well, losing a close one 6-2, 7-6 (7-5)," Coach Joe Mau said. "We'll continue to work hard in practice every day and if we compete like we did Saturday, we'll win more matches these next three weeks."

The tennis team opened its 2004 season with a match against Charlevoix last Tuesday. The Rayders edged Grayling 5-3.

Winners for GHS included: Schafer, #1 singles, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; David Galvani, #4 singles, 6-3, 6-1; Olson/Dean, #3 doubles, 8-6, 7-5.

"The boys really competed well today," Coach Mau said. "We won only one of the four doubles matches, which is an area we have to improve in if we

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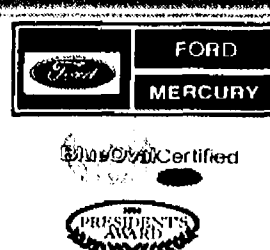
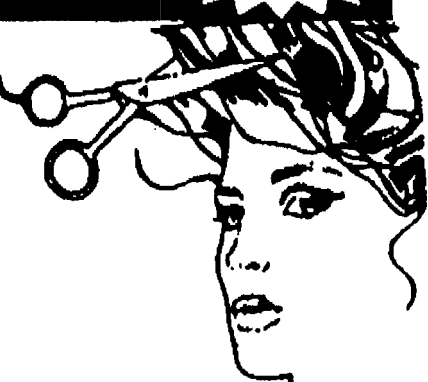
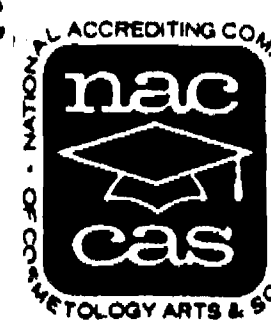
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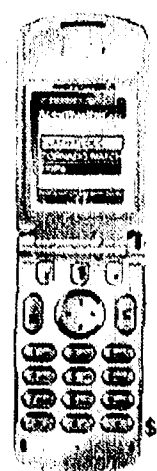
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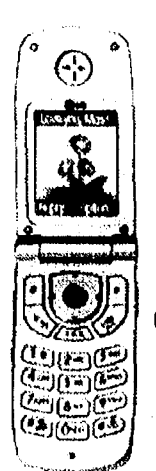
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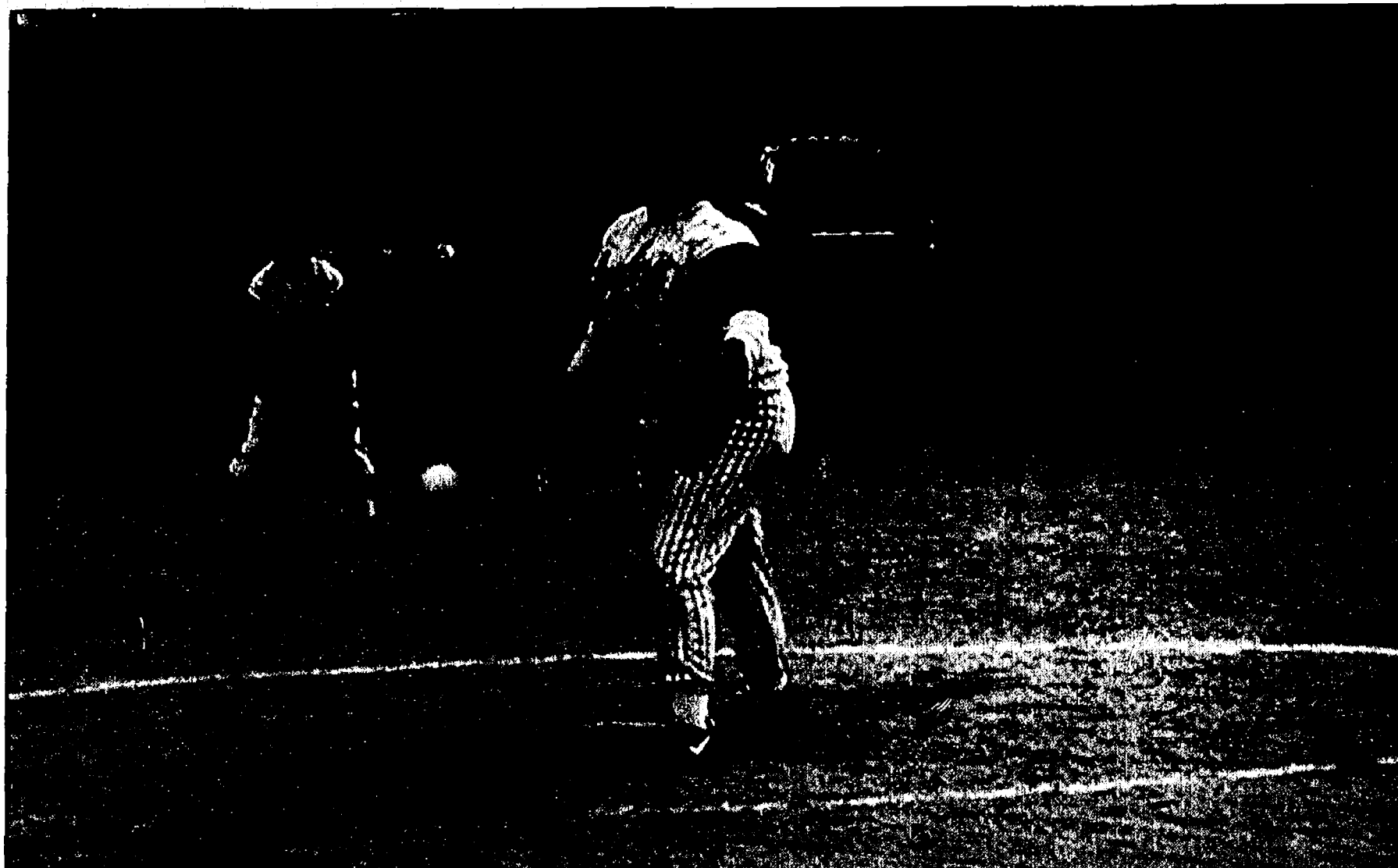
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Jenna Frankowski pitches for Grayling at Elk Rapids on Friday.

JV Vikings sweep Charlevoix 2-0

Grayling wins both games; Frankowski pitches no-hitter

The GHS junior varsity softball team won both games of a doubleheader vs. the visiting Charlevoix Rayders at Grayling last Tuesday.

In game one, which the Vikings won 16-1 in four innings, pitcher Jenna Frankowski threw a no-hitter for GHS. She struck out seven and walked four.

"Jenna pitched a great game and our defense was solid," said Coach Caleb Casey. (Casey, the GHS varsity softball team's coach, substituted for JV Coach Loren Bass, who could not be at the game.) "We hit the ball well."

Leading hitters for the Vikings were: Trisha Peterson, 3 for 3 (including a double), 3 RBI, 1 walk, 2 runs scored; Ashley Bindschatel, 1 for 4 (double), 1

run scored; Frankowski, 1 for 2, 1 walk, 2 runs scored; Samantha Wilkerson, 1 for 1, 1 RBI, 3 walks, 2 steals; Monica Leslie, 1 for 1, 1 RBI, 2 walks, 1 steal; Tequila Reynolds, 1 run scored, 1 RBI. Tammy Boielu, Maranda Shear, and Amanda Moran also scored runs for the Vikings.

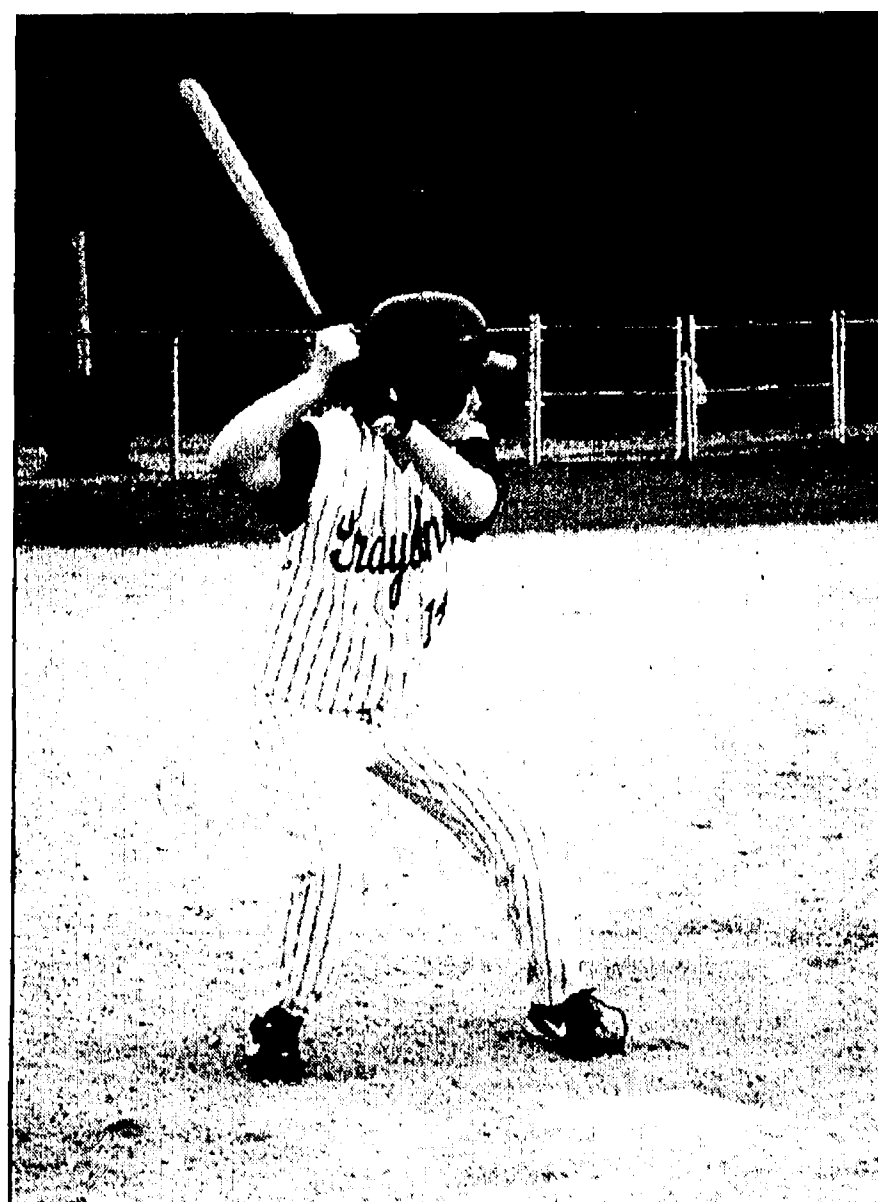
Grayling won game two 14-9. The game was tied at 8-8 going into the bottom of the third inning. The Vikings scored one in the third and five in the fourth to seal the win.

Frankowski pitched the entire game for Grayling. She struck out six and walked five.

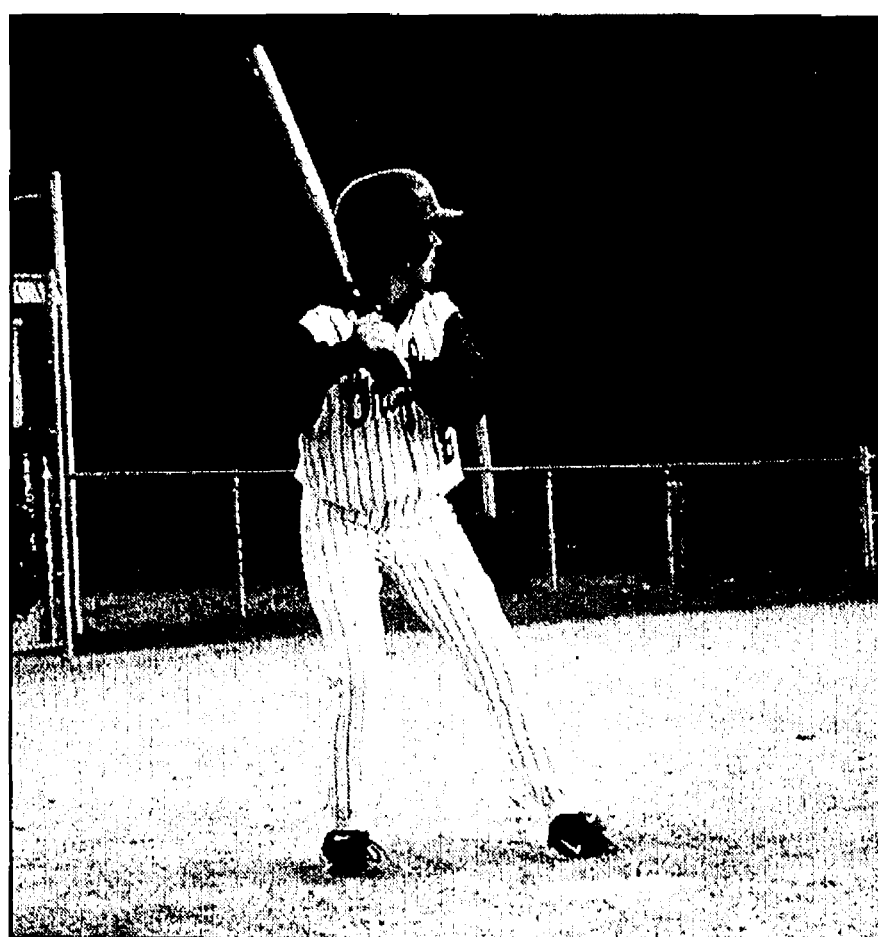
"Defensively we weren't quite as sharp but Jenna pitched another good game and the girls hit the ball," Coach Casey said. "It was a good game. Charlevoix battled, but we had a big inning in the bottom of the fourth and we tightened up the defense in the last two innings to win it."

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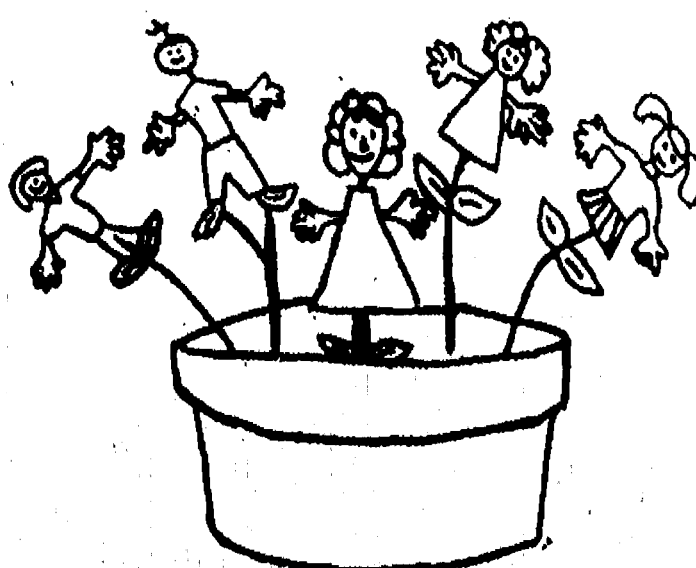
Ashley Bindschatel bats for Grayling in game two of the doubleheader at Elk Rapids last week.



Monica Leslie bats for the Vikings.

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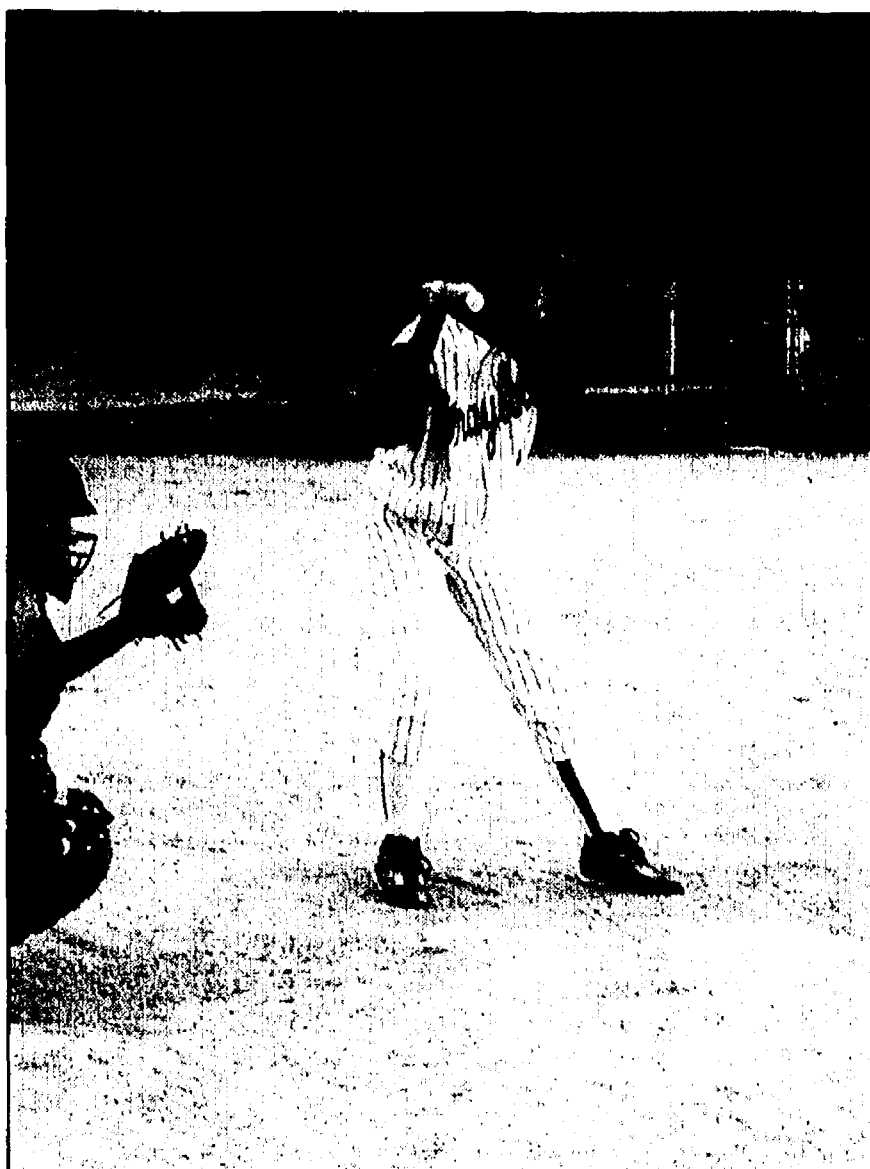
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Grayling catcher Andrea Southard looks an Elk Rapids runner back to third.



Tequila Reynolds bats for the Vikings in Friday's series at Elk Rapids.

JV Vikings sweep Charlevoix 2-0

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Leading hitters for GHS were: Peterson, 3 for 3 (including a triple), 1 walk, 3 runs scored, 1 steal; Wilkerson, 1 for 2, 1 walk, 2 runs scored; Bindschattel, 1 for

1 (double), 2 walks; Moran, 1 for 2, 1 walk, 1 steal, 1 runs scored; Leslie, 1 for 2, 1 walk, 1 run scored. Jessica Bobenmoyer, Boelch, Reynolds, Frankowski, and Shear also scored runs for

the Vikings.

"Peterson had a great day at the plate, batting 6 for 6 with a double and a triple and three RBI. She also scored five runs for us and played great defense at

third base," Coach Casey said.

The JV team's Wednesday game last week was postponed due to weather. On Friday, the team lost both games of a doubleheader at Elk Rapids.

The JV squad will play at Boyne City on Friday, April 30. On Tuesday, May 4, the team will host East Jordan at 4:30 p.m.



Trisha Peterson scores a run for the Vikings.



Maranda Shear bats for Grayling on Friday.

LEGALS

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Randall Keith West, a/k/a Randall K. West, and Sheri Marie West, husband and wife, of 10446 Regimental Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738-6741 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD, of 501 W. Main St., P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated June 5, 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on July 6, 2000 in Liber 0511 Pages 223 through 226, Crawford County Records, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$94,203.31.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 26th day of May, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on

the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgage to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Block 13 of Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the day of the sale.

Dated: April 7, 2004
Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary C. Cunningham, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 22, 2002, and recorded on April 2, 2002 in Liber 575 on Page 518, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five And 05/100 Dollars (\$38,545.05), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 12, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of

Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 36, and running thence South 0 degrees 43 minutes East on the Section line 781 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes East, 330 feet; thence South 0 degrees 40 minutes East, 117.6 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes West 330 feet; thence North 0 degrees 40 minutes West along Section line 118.2 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence West 33 feet of said tract is subject to the public road easement.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 8, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Zarnick, a married man, joined by his spouse, Sharon K. Zarnick, to Westmark Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated March 8, 1999 and recorded May 12, 1999 in Liber 481, Page 262, and Scrivener's Affidavit to correct the legal description Dated 2/12/04 and recorded 2/23/04 in Liber 666 page 465, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, FKA BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. AS TRUSTEE by assignment dated March 24, 1999 and recorded on July 12, 2000 in Liber 511, Page 252, Scrivener's Affidavit to correct the legal description submitted to and recorded by Crawford County Records Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two and 74/100 Dollars (\$35,742.75) including interest at the rate of 12.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part

of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 2, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the section 17, town 26 north, range 2 West, lying on the South side of Highway M-72.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: April 29, 2004
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Attorneys for DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, FKA BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, As Assignee
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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

DUANE R. DZIEWIT and DEBORAH M. DZIEWIT, husband and wife
Plaintiff File No. 03-6249-CH
vs
GRAYLING LAND COMPANY TRUST, CAROLYN M. HALL LIVING TRUST and KAY V'SOSKE, and JANICE L. V'SOSKE,
Defendant

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 12th day of April, 2004.

PRESENT: HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
BASED UPON the filing and reading of Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion for Alternate Service of the Complaint as to the Defendants, GRAYLING LAND COMPANY TRUST, CAROLYN M. HALL LIVING TRUST and KAY V'SOSKE, and this Court being fully advised in the premises; NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED THAT this Order be published in the newspaper in the Crawford County Avalanche, once each week for three consecutive weeks directing the Defendants as follows:

TO THE DEFENDANT, GRAYLING LAND COMPANY TRUST, CAROLYN M. HALL LIVING TRUST and KAY V'SOSKE

1. You are being sued within the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan;

2. The names of the parties are: Plaintiffs, DUANE R. DZIEWIT and DEBORAH M. DZIEWIT and Defendants, GRAYLING LAND COMPANY TRUST, CAROLYN M. HALL LIVING TRUST and KAY V'SOSKE.

3. These proceedings are a claim of Plaintiff seeking mandatory injunction relief.

4. That an answer needs to be filed/taken within 28 days at the Crawford County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, or other action permitted by law or court rule must be taken.

5. That a failure to answer or to take other action will result in a default being filed against the Defendants, GRAYLING LAND COMPANY TRUST, CAROLYN M. HALL LIVING TRUST and KAY V'SOSKE.

Dated: April 12, 2004
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy
Circuit Court Judge
Monte J. Burmeister P48732
The Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC
108 E. Michigan Ave., P.O. Box 585
Grayling, MI 49738
PH: 989-348-7114

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert A. Donaldson and Connie T. Donaldson. Husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Benchmark Mortgage Corporation a Michigan corporation a Michigan corporation Mortgagee dated the 22nd day of April, A.D., 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 4th day of May, A.D., 1998, in Liber 452 on Pages 488-496, and

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is the sum of Sixty-five thousand five hundred forty-seven and 29/100 Dollars (\$65,547.29), for principal and interest and,

WHEREAS, no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday the 19th day of May, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock on the forenoon, local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed at the sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the front lobby of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford and the State of Michigan (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with the interest thereon at seven percent (7%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expense, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises

The premises described in said mortgage are as follows: Property situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan to wit:

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 7, 2004
Benchmark Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee

Charles A. Forrest, JR.
Attorney for Benchmark Mortgage Corp.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Earl T. Miller and Sarina K. Miller, husband and wife to Ameriquist Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated October 21, 2003 and recorded November 3, 2003 in Liber 657 Page 215 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$71,825.00) including interest 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00AM. on Wednesday, May 12, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 3: A parcel of land located in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, as described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 20; thence South 00 degrees 08' 00" West (recorded as South 00 degrees 08' 00" West) along the West section line 329.13 feet for a point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 56' 47" East, a distance of 265.45 feet; thence South 00 degrees 12' 55" West, a distance of 164.59 feet; thence South 88 degrees 59' 08" West, a distance of 265.24 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08' 20" East (recorded as North 00 degrees 08' 00" East), a distance of 164.41 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Earl T. Miller and Sarina K. Miller, husband and wife by deed dated 1-21-02 and recorded 1-30-02 in Deed Book 0568, Page 449, in the Office of the Recorder of Crawford County, Michigan.

Being the same property conveyed to First National Acceptance Company by deed dated 11-14-01 and recorded 11-21-01 in Deed Book 0560, Page 616, in the Office of the Recorder of Crawford County, Michigan.

Commonly known as 9075 S Grayling Rd., Roscommon MI 48653

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 1, 2004
Ameriquist Mortgage Company
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DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Claudine K. Stocker, a married woman, of Crawford County, Michigan Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company, dated the 7th day of December, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on the 10th day of March, A.D. 1999 in Liber 476, of Crawford Records, on page 352, which said mortgage was thereafter on, to-wit the 25th day of March, A.D. 2004, assigned to JP Morgan Chase Bank, formerly known as Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-LB1, thru mesne assignments and recorded on April 5, 2004 in the office of Register of Deeds in Liber 667 for said County of Crawford Records, on page 144, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$27,618.61 (Twenty seven thousand Six hundred eighteen dollars and Sixty one cents) including interest there on at 10.99% (Ten point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of May A.D., 2004 at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

The South 1/2 of East 1/2 of West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 17, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

Tax ID: 050-017-015-040-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated April 15, 2004
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
Daniel Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWW#03483017
Property to be posted

-15-22-29-6

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage bearing interest at 9.6250% per annum made by Randy A. Lingle, a married man and Debra M. Lingle his wife, joint tenants with rights of survivorship Mortgagor, to American Heritage, Inc., Mortgagee, on February 1, 2000 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 24, 2000 in

Liber 502 of Mortgages, Page 109, and subsequently assigned to The Provident Bank on which Mortgage there is due, as of the date of this Notice, the principal sum of \$55,753.25, plus interest.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided. Notice is hereby given that on May 19, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., local time, said mortgage shall be foreclosed at sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, (that being one of the places of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said Mortgage, or some part of them.

Said premises described in said Mortgage is located in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and legally described as:

Lot 11, Block 27, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

Tax Identification No. 070-200-027-011-00

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale; unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 1, 2004
The Provident Bank
Neumann Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgagee
1995 N. Cedar, Suite 4
Holt, MI 48842
(517) 699-4629

-15-22-29-6

GOODALE'S MINI STORAGE 4602 HANSON ST. GRAYLING, MI WILL BE SELLING THE FOLLOWING UNITS AT AUCTION ON MAY 26, 2004 AT 2:30 PM.

Unit AA2, rented to Todd Williams containing fishing equipment, toys, skis, tools, speakers, piano, lawn table, shelving, cooler, bowling bag, bed.

Unit B15 rented to Mary Everson containing trunks, dollhouse, chair, holiday decorations, pots and pans, clothing.

Unit F21 rented to Chris Galvani contains fishing equipment, fan, stereo, chairs, camping equipment, tool VCR, computer, TV's, keyboard, toys, lots more.

Unit F25 rented to Chris Galvani contains bikes, games, toys, furniture, exercise equipment, records, clothing, sporting goods, lawn mowers, lots more.

Unit B2 rented to Julie Watkins contains canning jars, dresser, chair, cooler, kitchen supplies, cookbooks, dolls, coffee table.

Unit C45 rented to James McKay contains toys, TV, mattresses, clothing, stuffed animals, Christmas decorations, cooler.

Unit C65 rented to Kimberly Edinger contains TV, kitchen utensils, bathroom supplies, Christmas decorations, wall hangings.

Unit E33 rented to Jeff or Richard Parker contains auto parts, saw blades, air compressor, heaters, chain saw, shovel.

Unit F19 rented to Leland Luke contains TV, mattress, bike, dishwasher, radios, golf equipment, toys, shoes, clothing, books.

Unit F26 rented to Gil Cerelli contains fire extinguisher, couches, vacuum, kitchen supplies, smoke detector, Christmas decorations, desk supplies.

-29-6

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46th JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE 04-20418

CASE NO. 04-6399-CH
200 West Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-2841

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-2

Plaintiff attorney
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
36150 Dequindre Rd., Suite 810
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 795-4400

Gregory Cain and
Cynthia Ann Cain, husband and wife
605 Fern Street
Grayling, MI 49738

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of Process upon defendant Gregory Cain and Cynthia Ann Cain cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may only be made by posting to the door of the property as defendant is deceased and an Estate has not been opened in order to alternatively serve a personal representative.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be the following method(s):

a. First class to 605 Fern Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 605 Fern Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

c. Other: 3 week publication per court rule.

3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

Date: 4-5-04
Judge Dennis F. Murphy

-22-29-6

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to advise you and all interested persons that I have scheduled a Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing, concerning a variance request from Jeffrey Kaluza to build a new garage 2 feet from his property line at 704 Erie Street (20-070-200-010-003-00).

The Public Hearing to consider this matter is scheduled for 5:30 PM. On Monday, May 3, 2004 at the Grayling City Office, 1020 City Boulevard. All interested parties are hereby requested to attend said Public Hearing and/or submit such data as may be pertinent to the case at hand. Data may be submitted to the Grayling City Office, 1020 City Boulevard, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738 and inquiries may be directed to the City Manager Allen Lowe by calling 989-348-2131.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Inc., is the Regional Substance Abuse Service Coordinating Agency servicing the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford counties. As part of its annual action planning process, the agency is accepting Public Comment on services for the 2004/2005 Fiscal Year.

Written comment will be received by email to heidi@nmsas.net or by mail through May 28, 2004 at:

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 1278
Gaylord, MI 49734

In addition, Public Hearings will be held on May 11, 2004 in the lower level conference room at the offices of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, located at 1165 Elkview, Gaylord, Michigan from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and May 12, 2004 in room 200 of the City Hall Building, 401 Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Individuals interested in attending the above meetings and require special services are asked to contact Heidi Serven at 989-732-1791 ext. 18, three days prior to the scheduled meetings. Driving directions are available upon request.

Federal and State funding has been provided to support in the project costs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST FROM INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is soliciting letters of interest from individuals willing to serve on its Board of Directors.

Terms of office for members of the Board of Directors are six (6) years. There is currently one seat on the Board of Directors the term of office for which will expire on June 30, 2004. Term limitations to do not exist for members of the CCTA Board of Directors, and the individual currently holding that office, Mr. Brian Hulbert, is eligible for reappointment.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. A primary responsibility of the Board of Directors is to establish the policies governing the business, operations, property and affairs of the CCTA. The Board of Directors additionally receives and reviews management reports for the purposes of monitoring policy compliance and program effectiveness.

All board Members shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years, with no prior felony convictions. In order for proposals to be considered they must be received at the CCTA administrative offices in a clearly labeled sealed envelope b 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 2004.

Question or comments regarding this request for proposals are to be directed to Mr. David Frederick, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority whose office is located at the following address, or who may be reached at the following telephone number.

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 West North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989) 348-8215

"The Crawford County Transportation Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer"

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR USDA SECTION 533 GRANT

The City of Grayling will apply for this grant as an initiative to assist private landlords rehabilitate rental homes in the City of Grayling. These homes must be maintained as low income rental dwellings after their rehabilitation. Landlords must follow Federal and State guidelines for non-discrimination and accessibility requirements. The City of Grayling will maintain program information at City Hall and the Grayling Housing Commission.

Michele Moshier
City Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The Crawford County Road Commission will be holding a Special Meeting May 11, 2004 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Maple Forest Township Hall located at 7416 North Sherman Road, Frederic, MI 49733.

Purpose for the meeting is to Participate in an informational and advisory meeting with the Maple Forest Township Board per their invitation.

Posted April 22, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
April 30, 1981

Roy Spangler, Economic Strategy Committee Chairman, presented a plaque of appreciation to Jan Cornell for her contributions to the economic growth in Crawford County. Ms. Cornell had been primarily responsible for obtaining economic development grants for Grayling and Crawford County as Director of Housing and Community Development, a post she held since 1979.

Official groundbreaking ceremonies were held last Friday morning, heralding the start of construction of Camp Grayling's new \$1.5 million dollar armory building. "Our 300 men will put it to good use as a home station," remarked Camp Commander, Colonel Jr. Lippert.

Thursday marks the home opener against Gaylord for Coach Fred Wolcott's varsity baseball squad. Named to this year's team are: Ryan Morford, Dave Burr, Scott Hale, Jim Stewart, Wayne Ross, Mike Hickey, Jim Hill, James Radebaugh, Craig Kollen, Monty D'Amour, Jeff Kortess, Ted Methner, John Juntilla, Bill Roach, Kevin LaMotte, Jack Money, Joel Money and Brad Trenary.

A Ski & Shore Properties spokesman announced that Robert Prause of Grayling will again represent Ski & Shore Real Estate in Grayling beginning April 22, 1981. The Grayling

operation will be named Ski & Shore Professional Realty-Grayling.

General Telephone Company announced the start of two installation projects in their Roscommon-Skyline switching center costing over 189 thousand dollars. These projects which are estimated to be completed in May, include the addition of 80 new toll ticking machines and other associated equipment which will greatly improve the handling of long distance usage for customers in the Grayling, Gaylord and Higgins Lakes areas.

Coach Marilee Cheney's girl's Viking track team opened the outdoor season this week following two indoor meets downstate. This year's squad members include: Gina Bidwell, Karyn Reynolds, Danielle Leal, Dawn Hawley, Renee Spina, Diane Lee, Kim House, Shelly Peterson, Beth Jones, Brenda Robinson, Wendy Savallisch, Kristen Casler, Chris Larson, Melissa McEvers, Joan Stevens, Theresa Barber, Heidi Bendig, Heidi Goss, Jill Headlee, Lisa Radebaugh, Sandy Johnson, Stacey Robinson, Wendy Callan, Celina Eshenroder, Stacey Wolcott, Becky Karas, Tracey Riley, Tammy Savallisch, Joyce Stevens, Jean Bitner, Jean Stevens with managers: Chris McClelland and Angie Stephan.

46 Years Ago
May 1, 1958

The Misses Kay Ann LaMotte and Julie Lovely are new employees at the Grayling Restaurant.

It was revealed Monday morning by General Ronald D. McDonald, Adjutant General of Michigan that a further grant of \$18,500 had been made to the Michigan National Guard for use at the Grayling - McNamara Air Base. The money will be used to construct new latrines and bath houses at the sprawling airport.

Congratulations to the 1958 Grayling High School Graduates: Larry Andrews, Russell Ballinger, Diana Bassett, Emeril Ann Bebow, Susan Bidvia, Christine Canfield, Karen Carlson, Ronny Case, Mary Ann Cinciala, Connie Davis, Douglas Durga, Tom Edwards, Vivian Fenton, Karl Golnick, Tom Hatley, Bill Holzman, Betty Horning, Priscilla Hull, Wayne Ingalls, Glada Benaway, Paul Johnson, Ronald Kellogg, Judy Kenyon, Connie LaGrow, Judy Larson, Joe Lowe, Georgia Lucksted, Clare Madsen, Connie Millikin, Richard Moore, Roger Nelson, Nels Olson, Jim Perry Jerry Pratt, Donald Roberts, Charles Snyder, John Stampfly, Rosalie Wales, Charles Ward, Judy Weaver, Joseph White, Wayne Winston, Marjorie Watt and Larry Yoder.

69 Years Ago
May 2, 1935

With their bikes all trimmed in all the colors of the rainbow, some 15 young cyclists rode to Lake Margrethe Saturday and had a picnic lunch.

Remodeling of the dining room

and kitchen of the Fischer Hotel has been going on for some time. There is one fair size dining room and two smaller ones. Mrs. Edith LaMotte, who has years of experience in serving the hungry public, will be in charge of the dining rooms and kitchen.

Paddy Cowell is converting the front part of his home into a tonorial parlor and will go back to his old trade of barbering. He is now open for business in the former home of his mother, the late Mrs. Mary Turner, where he recently moved, having sold his home to Harry Souders. The house is located on Maple Street, two block south of Michigan Avenue.

92 Years Ago
May 22, 1912

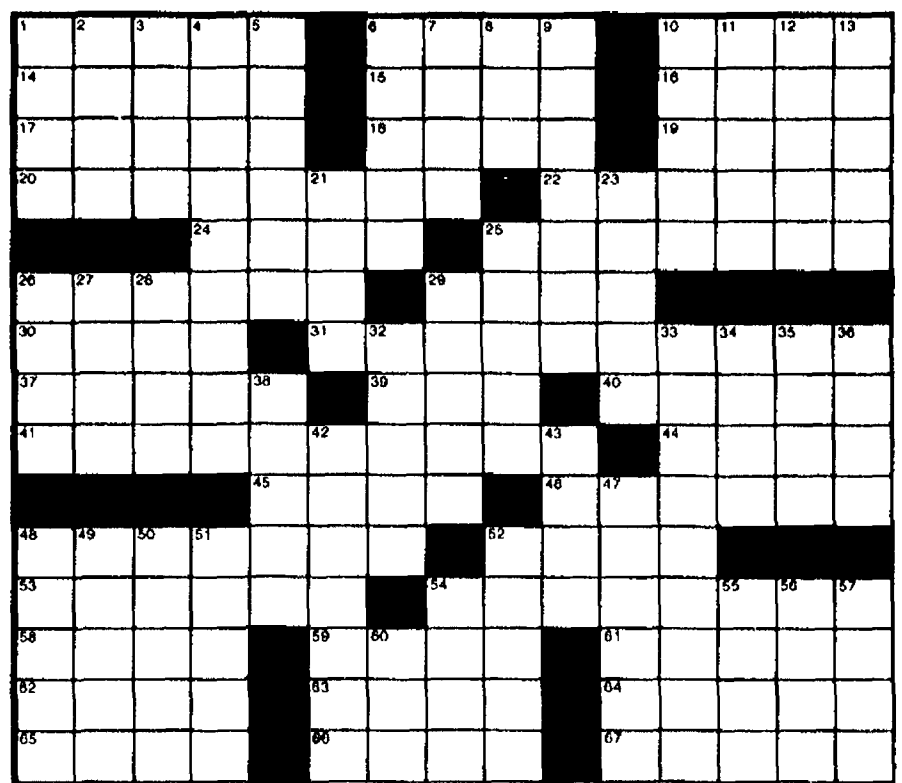
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maxwell fished on the East Branch yesterday and got forty-nine trout.

John Johnson and family have moved back to the county, and will take possession of their farm in Beaver Creek, that they purchased of Will Moon last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Deyarmond of Lewiston arrived last Monday at the Douglas House in Lovells where Mrs. Deyarmond will be assistant during the fishing season.

This week Dr. Countryman and wife gave up the superintendency to the county infirmary and move into the Lee Winslow house. They were succeeded by Mr. and Mrs. G. Marshall of Maple Forest, who moved there Thursday.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

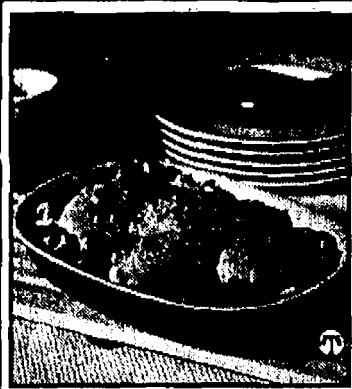
1. Throws with great force.
6. "The Wife of ..." one of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales.
10. Used in an unequal comparison.
14. T.S. ... author of The Waste Land.
15. ... vera, used to treat burns.
16. Janet ... former U.S. attorney general.
17. Extent of.
18. Capital of the Republic of Yemen.
19. Trees belonging to the beech family and bearing acorns.
20. Signs one's name to the backs of checks.
22. To chatter or gossip.
24. Medium to dark greenish-blue.
25. Goes back on one's word.
26. Grand ... movie starring Steve Martin.
29. Variant of Sarah.
30. On top of.
31. Unable to be mixed.
37. Switches residences.
39. ... Miserables, novel by Victor Hugo.
40. Struck with the knee.
41. To deprive of strength.
44. Not new.
45. Variant of emir.
46. Joe and Mike ... regulars on The Don DeLuise Show.
48. Gathers on the surface in a condensed layer.
52. Have an affection for.
53. Ben ... author of The Pennsylvania Weather Book.
54. Tropical American plants of the spurge family grown for their tuberous roots.
58. Jal ... game similar to handball but using cestas.
59. ... All Boats, movie starring Richard Boone.
61. Useful.
62. Half ... Laura Ingalls' nickname.
63. Al ... former vice president.
64. To return to mind.
65. Consumes food.
66. Increased or enlarged.
67. Surface swelling of plant parts.

DOWN

1. ... Come the Brides, TV show starring Bobby Sherman.
2. Lancer in a light cavalry unit of the Polish army.
3. Piece of iron running as a support across an upper millstone.
4. Pieces of type bearing two or more uncombined letters.
5. Combining form referring to hardness.
6. Canton in northern Switzerland.
7. Interjection used to express grief.
8. Unit of weight equal to 2,000 pounds.
9. Slang for firearms.
10. Brings to the attention of.
11. ... Ledger, Gabriel Martin in The Patriot.
12. Slender part of the leg above the foot.
13. Forward ends of aircraft.
21. George ... French novelist.
23. Archaic interjection used to express pity.
25. Central part of a ship.
26. Occurred at a certain point.
27. Smallest component of an element.
28. Star that burns bright and then fades.
29. To blur by rubbing.
32. Alexander John ... British phonetician and mathematician.
33. Overwhelmed with.
34. The ... Years of Our Lives, movie starring Fredric March.
35. British for "having no burden or load."
36. Mary Baker ... founder of the U.S. Christian Science Church.
38. To frighten.
42. Shadows cast by trees.
43. "I" parts of people.
47. To guarantee.
48. Wide open.
49. ... Smith, author of How to Cook.
50. To distort by revealing just some of the facts.
51. Short for obituaries.
52. Mohammad E. ... co-author of Mechanical Conveyors: Selection and Operation.
54. To watch over.
55. Combining form meaning "deputy."
56. Graduate of a specific school.
57. Plural of serum.
60. Bowl-shaped pan used for cooking Chinese food.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



- 4 cups cooked broccoli florets
- 1 1/2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) Cream of Chicken or 98% Fat Free Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp. dry bread crumbs
- 1 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted

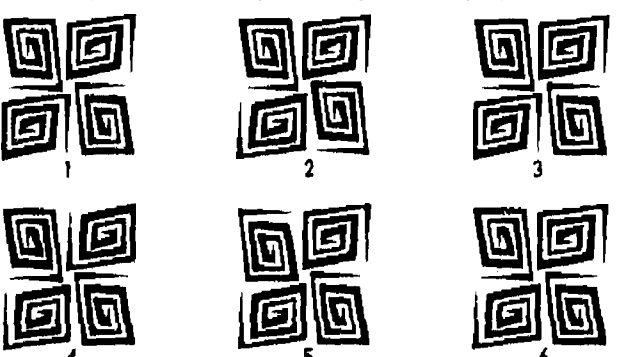
Chicken Broccoli Divan

PLACE broccoli and chicken in 9" pie plate or 2-qt. shallow baking dish. MIX soup and milk and pour over. Sprinkle with cheese. Mix bread crumbs with butter and sprinkle on top. BAKE at 450°F. for 20 min. or until hot. Serves 4.



FIND THE TWINS

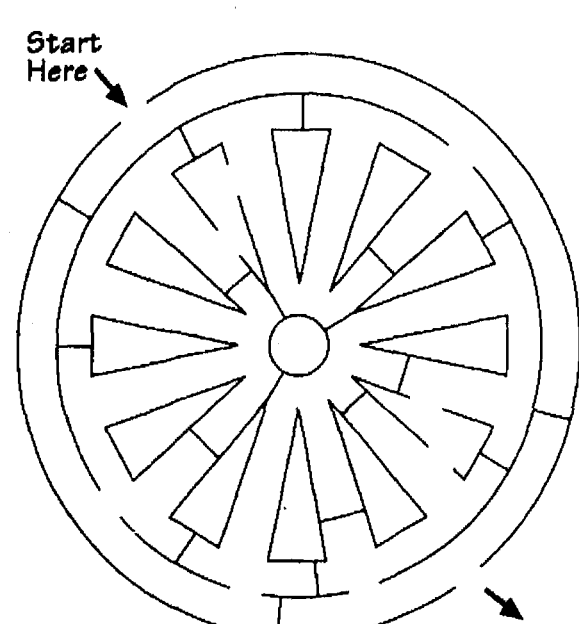
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

It is impossible
to sneeze with
your eyes open!

MAZE



ADOPT A PET



Jacque is about 4 months old. We think she is a Collie/Husky mix. Jacque has been spayed and has all of her vaccinations. All of our pets will be leaving for "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo" on Friday. We have some real nice animals. You might want to come look before we leave. Don't forget to have your dog tested for heartworm and put him or her on a preventative vaccine. It could be a life-saver! For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.assc.petfinder.com

There are still enough months remaining in the year to warrant buying a 2004 Pet Calendars for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 20 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain
4/21	51	35	0.42
4/22	61	37	0.17
4/23	53	26	0
4/24	60	28	0
4/25	54	32	0.41
4/26	54	37	0.12
4/27	55	26	0.11

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
65	44	53	32	53	34	44	35
High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
56	38	55	36	55	36	56	38
Partial Showers	Showers	Partial Showers	Partial Showers	Partial Showers	Partial Showers	Partial Showers	Partial Showers

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of April 29, 2004

<p>February 22 - March 19</p> <p>A home improvement project seems daunting. Break it into sections and tackle one at a time. A friend returns a favor.</p>	<p>March 21 - April 19</p> <p>Turning down a request is hard for you to do, but this time you have no choice. You're far too busy to add anything else to your schedule.</p>	<p>June 22 - July 22</p> <p>Your home is overflowing with stuff. It may just be a sign that you're a pack rat, or it could be a sign that your life has become complicated and you need to simplify.</p>	<p>September 23 - October 22</p> <p>A dilemma you've been mulling over finally becomes clear—you know exactly what to do. Your finances receive a welcome boost.</p>
<p>May 20 - May 18</p> <p>News from home sends you reeling. Take some time to yourself to recover. An item you thought was gone forever turns up in the least expected place.</p>	<p>April 20 - May 20</p> <p>Nothing surprises you—except what a good friend is about to tell you. You'll be overcome with joy! A routine inspection uncovers a small problem.</p>	<p>July 23 - August 22</p> <p>Excitement builds as one of your dreams starts to become reality. Share your happiness with others. A relationship moves forward.</p>	<p>October 23 - November 21</p> <p>Vacation plans are put on hold as you deal with a crisis at home. A friend makes a startling discovery—be there for them.</p>
<p>May 19 - May 20</p> <p>A relative's health takes a turn for the worse. Be there for them and do your best to keep up their spirits. An e-mail piques your curiosity.</p>	<p>May 21 - June 21</p> <p>Your hard work on a project at the office pays off. You receive a glowing review and the go-ahead for another project.</p>	<p>August 23 - September 22</p> <p>Looking at a situation from all sides is one of your strengths. Remember that when you are pulled into a family squabble.</p>	<p>November 23 - December 21</p> <p>A joke causes quite a stir at the office. Make sure you were bothered by the joke and not something else before you join in the fuss.</p>

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATHS, 1 car garage, storage shed, big yard, close to town. Must see to appreciate. \$91,900. Call 989-889-5101. (4/1/04/f/1)

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER HOME for sale with 338' of beautiful frontage. 1414 Ole Dam Rd, Grayling. \$189,000. Call 989-348-9415 for more information. (-22-29/1)

1. Real Estate

10 HEAVILY WOODED hilly acres on paved road. 24 x 32 pole barn, electric. Old 612 Lovells. Walk to North Branch AuSable \$49,000. 989-344-8032. (-22-6-13-20/1)

1. Real Estate

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH 2 1/2 acres, 2 car garage, storage shed, nice big yard, perfect up north retreat, 7 miles from Grayling. \$75,000 (989) 344-7669 1-800-848-1268 (1/8/04/f/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW THREE BEDROOM, one bath with two car attached garage, 20 ft. concrete approach, sidewalks, 4" well, 90% furnace, grassed, newly stick built. Five miles east of Grayling on McCarty Drive. \$87,000. (989) 348-4840 (-8-15-22-29-6/1)

1. Real Estate

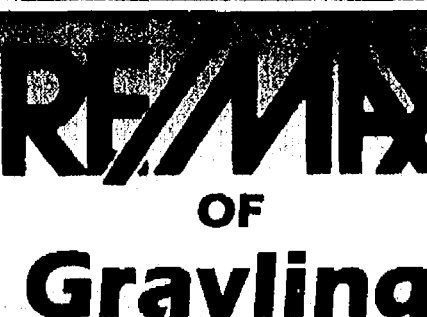
QUALITY BUILT 3 BEDROOM 2 bath home with attached, heated, 2-car garage. Amenities include oak flooring, wiring for surround sound, heated tile floors in bathrooms, deck and storage shed. Located at 3151 Jones Lake Rd., in AuSable Woods - includes use of clubhouse and pool. \$119,000 (989)348-3587 owners motivated to sell! (-15-22-29-6/1) LOVE-LY, NEWER HOME with full finished walkout basement. Secluded back yard backing up to state land with beautiful hardwood tree cover on quiet, dead end road. Finished and heated workshop. FF-1918 For details visit www.FredTFisher.com http://www.FredTFisher.com 24 hours a day or call Fred at REMAX of Grayling. (800)731-4002. (-29/1)

1. Real Estate



CHARLENE SCHEER
Broker / Owner
United Real Estate Associates
CRS, GRI, CNE, ABR

1. Real Estate



EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED

1. Real Estate



CRAIG HINKLE
Broker / Owner
United Real Estate Associates
CRS, GRI, CNE, ABR

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER 3 bedroom ranch style, big garage and breezeway attached. Karen Woods subdivision. Price reduced to \$121,000. 6152 Sam Road (989)348-2431 or (906)477-6861. (-15-22-29-6-13-20-27/1)

1. Real Estate

2 BEDROOM HOUSE in Frederic \$50,000 732-4227. (-22-29/1)

BUILDING LOTS NEAR TOWN natural gas available. 348-6938. (4/15/04/f/1)

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FOR SALE BY OWNER 3 bedroom ranch style, big garage and breezeway attached. Karen Woods subdivision. Price reduced to \$121,000. 6152 Sam Road (989)348-2431 or (906)477-6861. (-15-22-29-6-13-20-27/1)

1. Real Estate

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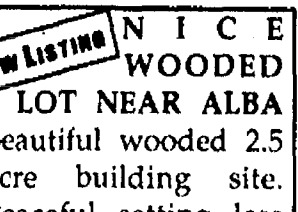
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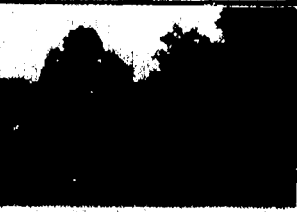
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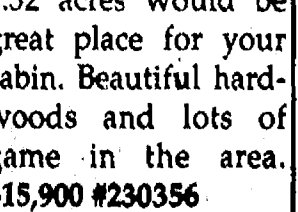
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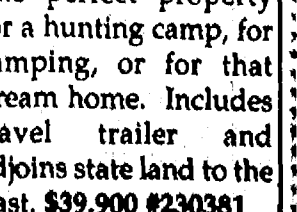
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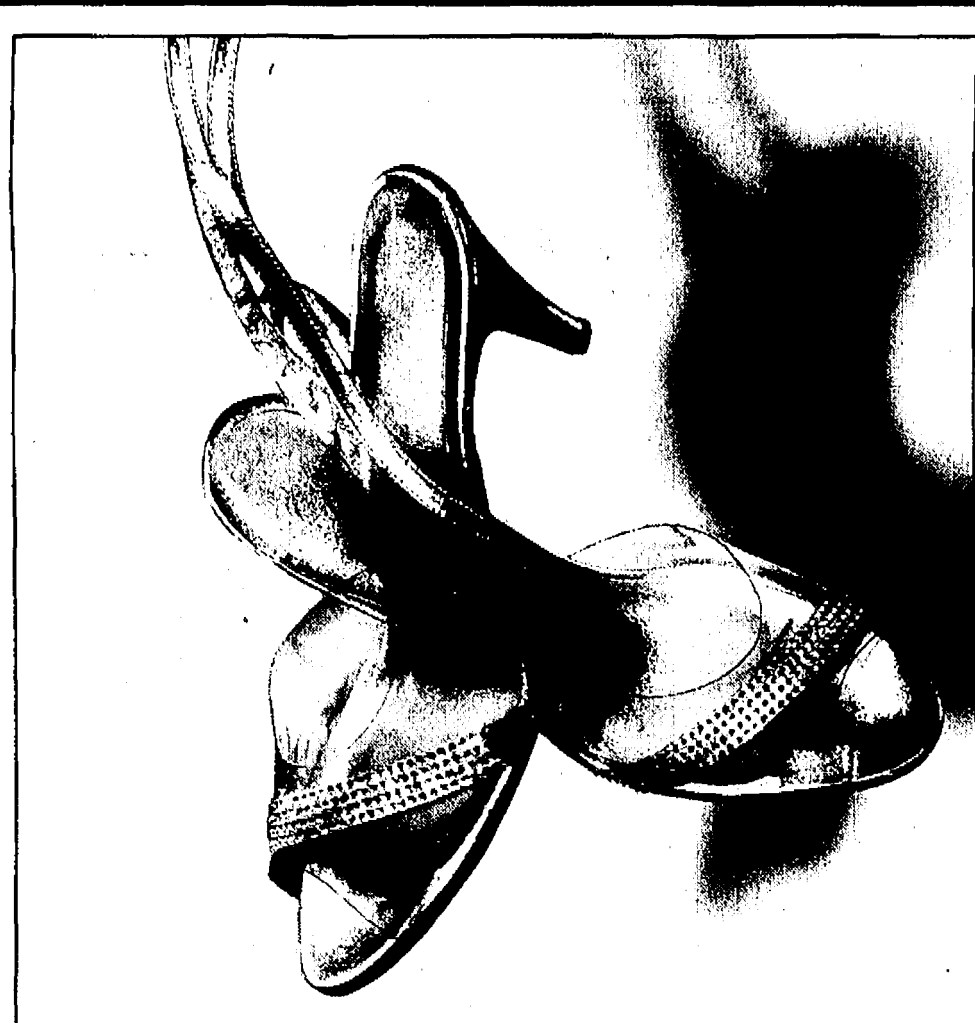
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10. Garage Sale

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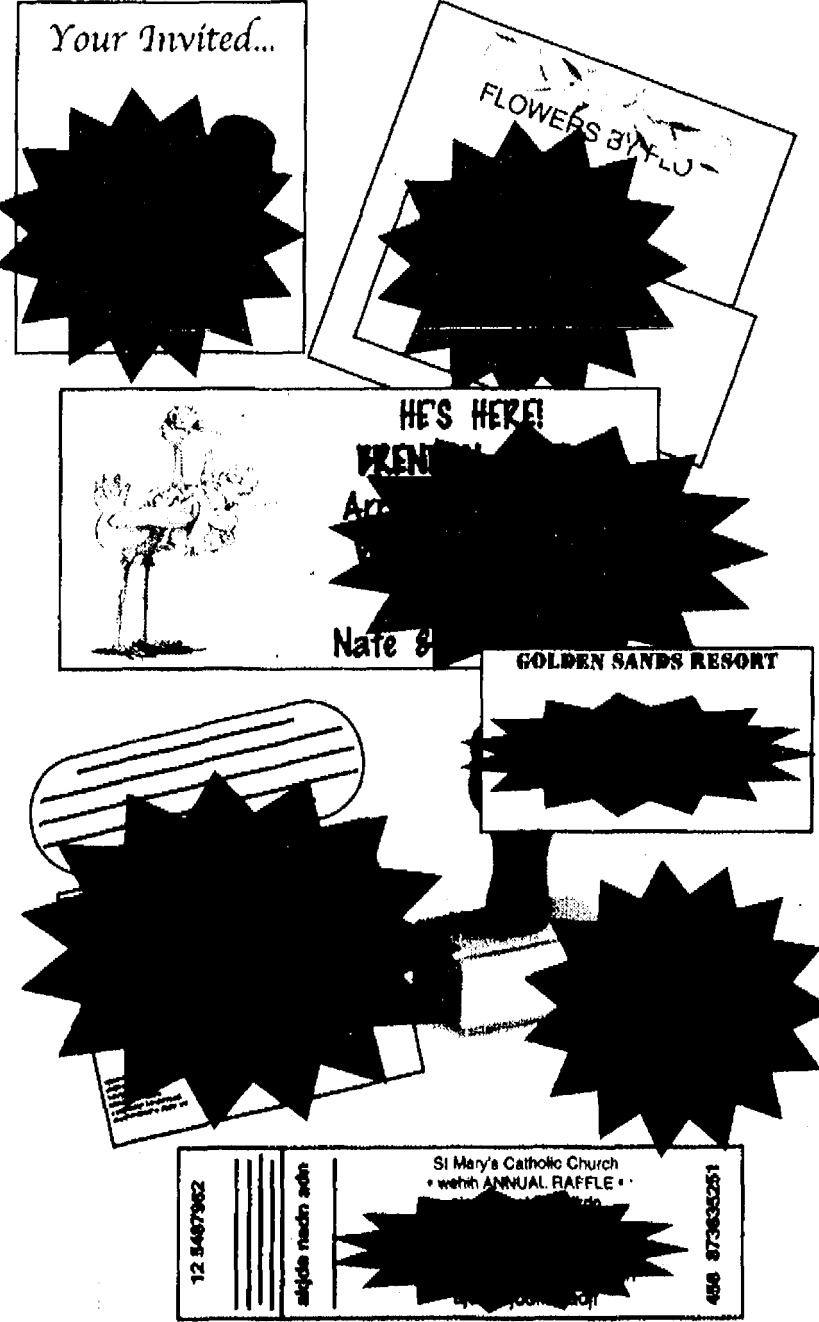
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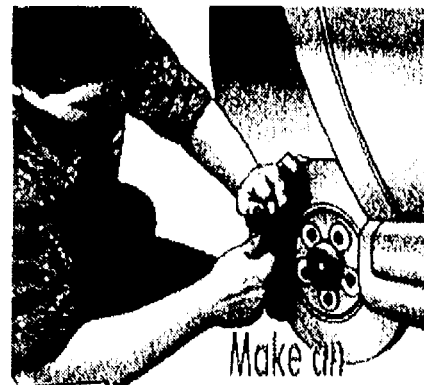
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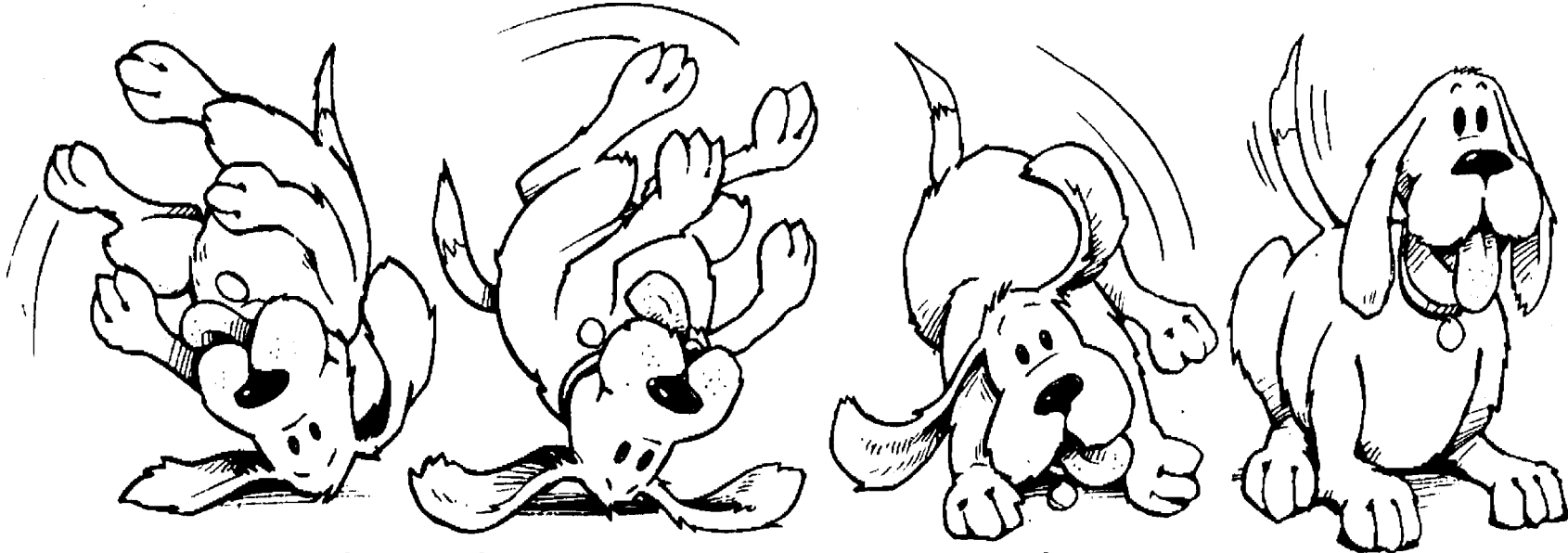
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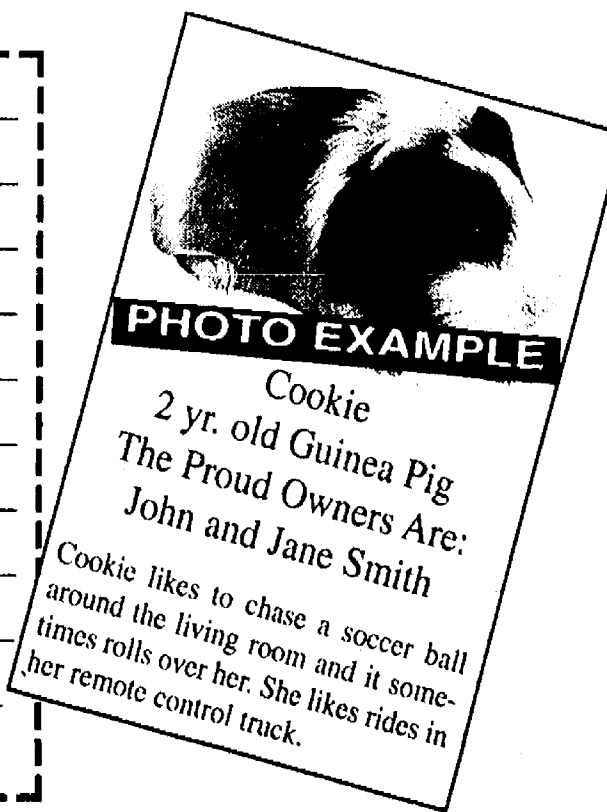


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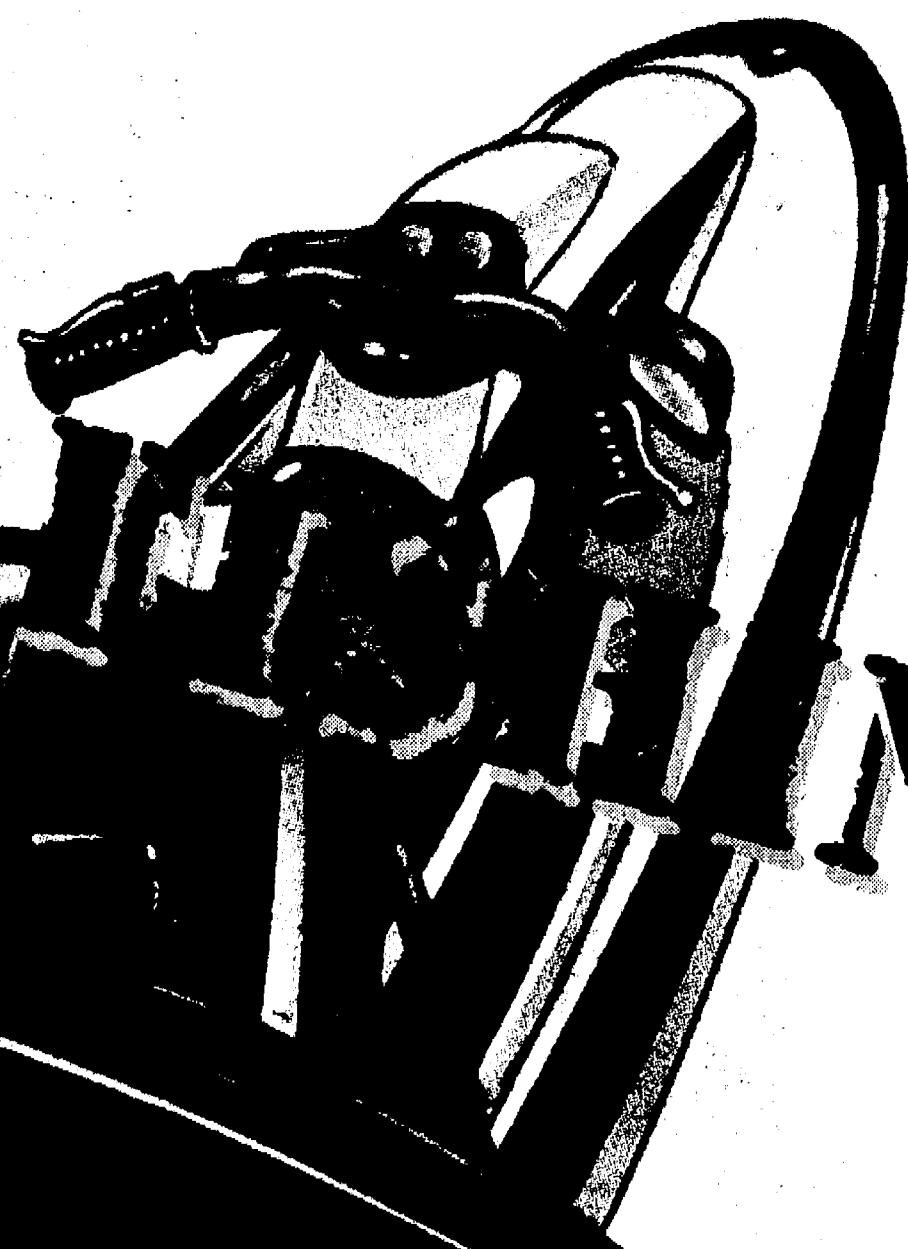
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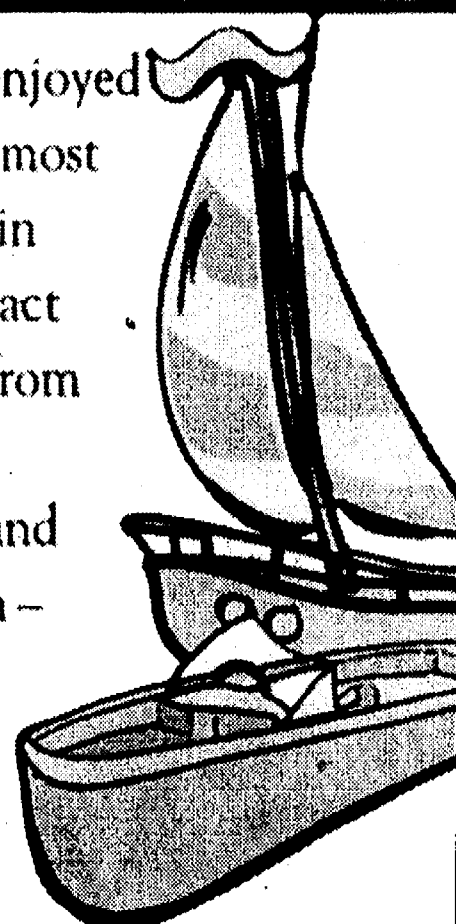
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Fishing: Rivers And Lakes Offer Lots Of Opportunities

Crawford County's claim to fame comes from the world-renowned blue ribbon trout streams — the AuSable and Manistee rivers — along with their tributaries. They bring to northern Michigan, Crawford County, and Grayling some of the finest trout fishing east of the Mississippi.

In recognition of the fine fishing found in the county, the Grayling Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution designating the greater community of Grayling "The Trout Fishing Capital of the Eastern United States" in September of 1998.

The upper AuSable River and the Manistee River systems are two of the most stable systems in the United States, which makes them more accessible to fishermen year round. Each system offers catches of native Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout to the discerning angler.

There are numerous public accesses, and rental canoes are available for anglers to enjoy the rivers for fishing or sport. Local sport shops and lodging accommodations have area maps and generally have information about hatches and water conditions.

Fishing regulations vary between sections on the rivers with some areas designated for "flies only," and several miles of the AuSable River for "catch and release." The majority of the waters, however, are open to any type of fishing, including flies, hardware, and bait.

Hatch activity generally begins in early March with the onset of spring and the emerging Blackstones. Hendricksons are usually hatching by the opening day of trout season. (Trout and walleye fishing seasons opened on April 24, 2004.) Afternoon hatches, with little pressure from other river users, makes early to mid-May



Fishing

a popular time for many fly fishermen. Other early season hatches include the Little Mahogany, Little Black Caddis, and Blue Winged Olives.

By mid-May, most hatches and spinner falls occur in late afternoon. The Sulfur hatch begins in late May and lasts about two weeks. The first week of June is a popular time on area streams as the Brown Drake hatch occurs.

Hatches continue through May and June, generally culminating with the "Hex" hatch, which is the big Michigan Mayfly, the Hexagenia Limbata. This hatch brings the fly fishermen in large numbers as it is the time when trophy fish regularly surface-feed.

It is important to mention that most of the anglers who are successful in catching the larger trout fish for them during the late evening and on into the night. Fishermen are often found on the streams all night waiting for the spinner falls, which generally come between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., and for the hatches, which occur after 10 p.m. and last sometimes until the wee hours of the morning.

August brings the terrestrials: grasshoppers, ants and crickets. The warm sunny days are an ideal time to fish the Browns lying along the grass banks waiting for that careless hopper. As mother nature starts to dip her paintbrush and color the leaves, enjoy the solitude of a quiet day and cool evening with Brown and Brook Trout becoming more active. It's a great time to enjoy northern Michigan's fall colors, late lake fishing, bird hunting, and Salmon fishing.

For a special experience, there are several very knowledgeable local guides who offer guided float trips.

In addition to offering two of the finest fishing rivers available, the Crawford County area is home to numerous lakes, which also offer excellent fishing opportunities. Lake Margrethe and Higgins Lake

are the two largest bodies of water in the county, offering a variety of lake fishing, with Lake Margrethe yielding good catches of Walleye and Northern Pike. Opening of Bass season usually finds quantities of fair-sized Large- and Smallmouth Bass, which can be fished with live bait as well as artificial bait.

Lake Margrethe also offers Bluegill and Perch for the pan-fisherman. Higgins Lake is recognized as being one of the 10 most beautiful lakes in the United States, and it is well worth the time spent to learn how to catch its Brown and Lake Trout, as well as Splake. Higgins also offers very large Northern Pike and is noted for its wintertime Perch and Smelt fishing.

North of Grayling and west of Lovells, off County Road 612, lie some small lakes that are local favorites. K.P. Lake lays claim to trophy Bluegill and good numbers of Bass. Jones Lake is home for Walleye and Bluegill, while Hargrove Lake will give a peaceful afternoon fishing Crappie, Perch and Bluegill.

Most of the streams and lakes in the county can be accessed with a canoe or boat. Wakeley Lake, a "catch and release" lake, requires persons to carry their canoe approximately one-half mile, but the fishing can be worth it. Only artificial bait is allowed.

To fish legally, all people age 17 and over must purchase a fishing license. People under the age of 17 may fish without a license but they must observe all fishing rules and regulations. Basic license fees this year are: Restricted (good for all species except trout and salmon), \$14 (upgrade to All Species for an additional \$13); All Species (good for all species, required on all designated trout streams and lakes), \$27.

Free Fishing Weekend is scheduled for June 12 and 13, 2004. Michigan residents may fish without a license during free fishing weekend but all other fishing rules and regulations must be observed.

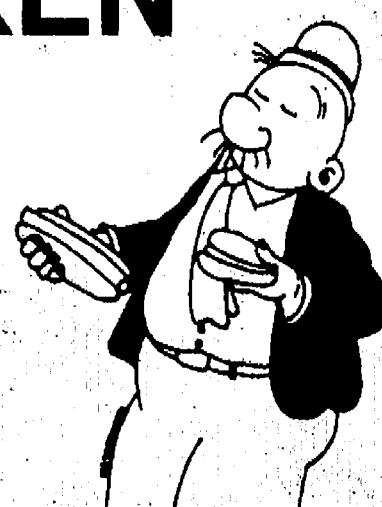
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It is not unusual to see deer, mink, otter, wild turkeys, a great blue heron or, occasionally, a bald eagle, while on your canoe trip. A "day on the river" is a great way for families to enjoy the great outdoors.

Area canoe liveries offer river day-trips ranging in length from about two to six hours and overnight canoe/camp trips from two to six days, or more. Many families pack a picnic lunch for their day on the river. For those considering an overnight trip, there are state forest campgrounds at various points along the rivers.

The AuSable and Manistee are "Class 1" rivers, with no "whitewater" or heavy rapids. Canoers who feel comfortable about their canoeing ability can generally easily maneuver around the rivers' natural log-jams and "sweepers," which are

cedar trees that hang out low over the river. Occasionally, heavy rain or spring melt-off can result in higher river levels and more difficult canoeing conditions that only experienced canoers should challenge.

As with any water-sport activity, safety is a primary consideration. Floating or paddling the river is a risk activity, which can result in injury or even death if done carelessly or recklessly.

Canoeing season starts as soon as spring temperatures begin to warm through the fall color season. Summer weekends can be very busy at the area canoe liveries, so advance reservations are strongly encouraged.

Guests are encouraged to dress appropriately: warm, layered clothing in cool weather (don't forget extra dry clothes in a secure dry bag); remember sunscreen and lightweight, long-sleeved shirts to provide sun protection on hot summer days. Taking along rainwear is always a wise choice.

Members of the Grayling AuSable Canoe Livery Association (GACLA) love

sober canoers. Canoeing while intoxicated is dangerous and illegal. GACLA members remind you: kegs, hard liquor, and glass beverage containers are not allowed. There is a limit of one six-pack of beer per canoe.

Radios are not allowed in the canoe. Enjoy the natural sounds and respect others' quiet enjoyment of the river. There also are no styrofoam coolers allowed. If the canoe upsets, they break into small pieces and cause unsightly litter.

Make your plans now to enjoy a day on the beautiful AuSable or Manistee rivers.

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When looking for mushrooms, remember they grow only in certain areas. When searching for the elusive morel mushroom, look for a stand of aspen or poplar in young, second growth hardwood or near spruce stumps, in old orchards, near a dead elm, in a stand of ash trees or wherever bracken fern grow.

Morels are generally not found in stands of jackpine or oak in Crawford County.

Though they vary in size and color, each true morel has a hollow, cone-shaped head connected at the base to a hollow neck. There is no break between the head and neck.

The second distinguishing characteristic is the pitted surface of the head. Some species have ridges and there is a difference in the size and shape of the pits and membranes. All species of the true morel have pitted heads.

Morels are generally found growing from the soil through the leaf mat. They will most likely be from two to six inches high, in creamy tan, or shades of brown or black.

After finding morels use a flat container for collecting as morels will break in a plastic or paper bag. In plastic bags, they will sweat and disintegrate rapidly.

Only young, fresh specimens are suitable for food. The edible qualities deteriorate as the mushroom ages. Keep the collection clean, in shade, and as cool as possible until the mushrooms are cleaned and prepared properly.

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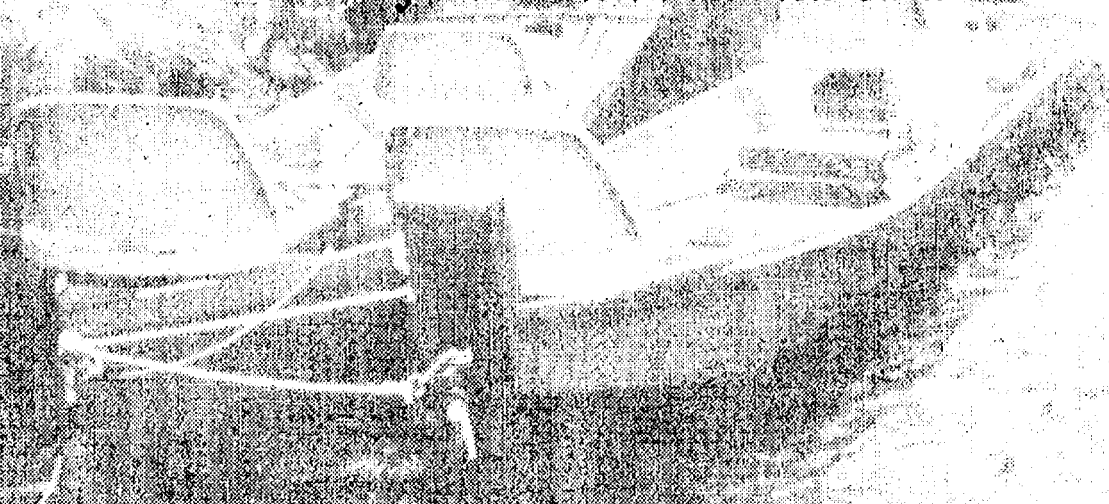
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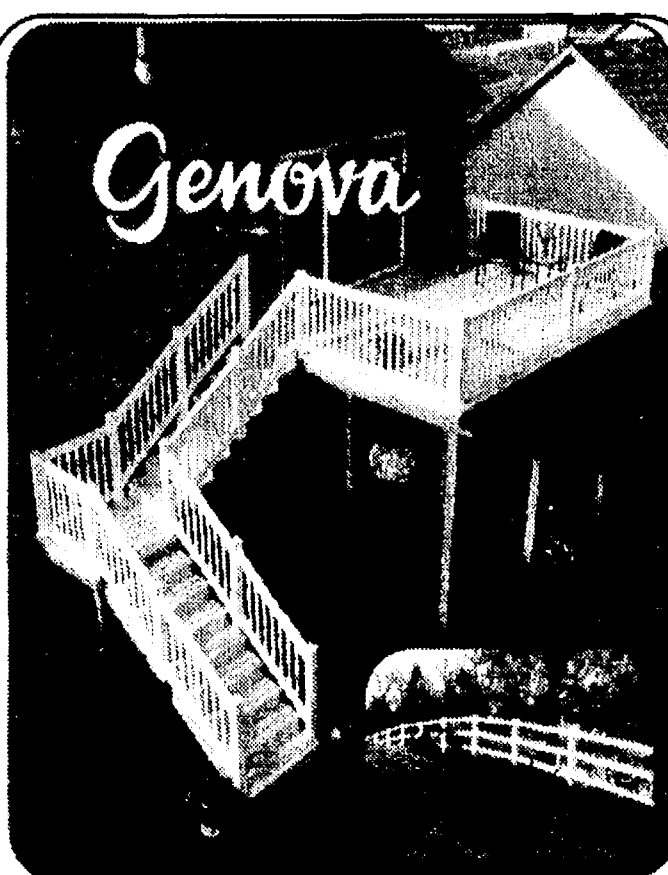
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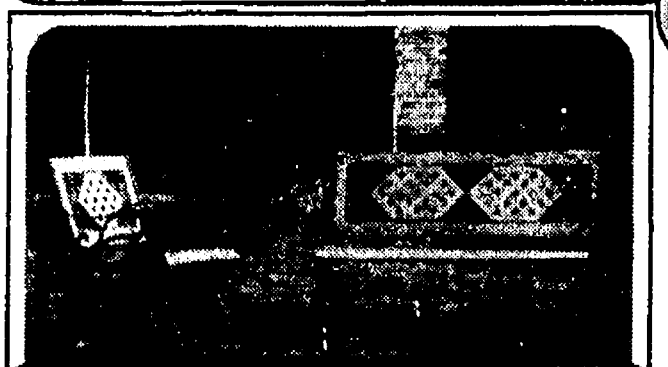
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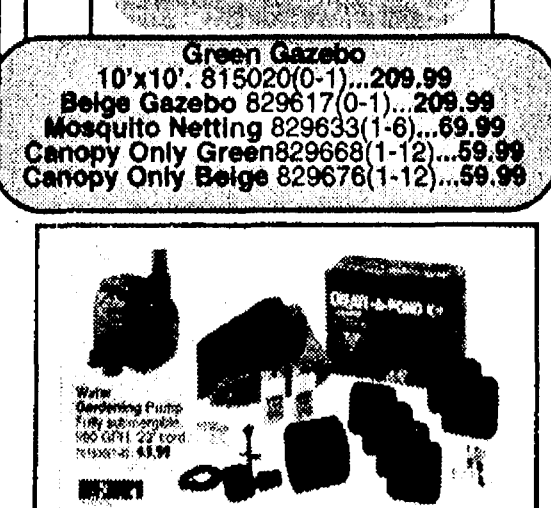
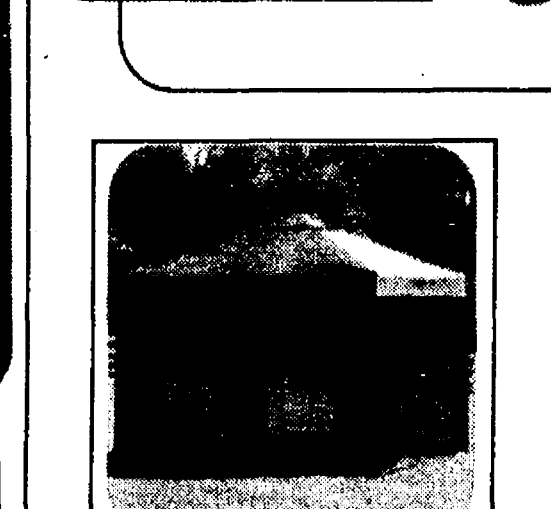
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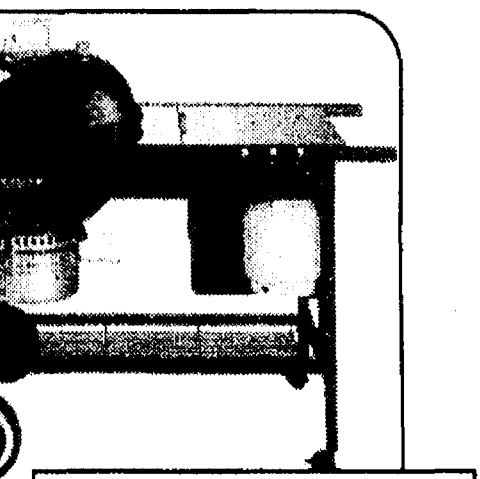
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- **Hanson Hills Challenge Mountain Bike Race** (June 6) – Test your skill in this Michigan Mountain Biking Association (MMBA) Challenge Points Series Race. Register through:

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- **Hanson Hills Off-Road Duathlon** (June 19) – This race will consist of off-road mountain biking and trail running. Exact distances have not been determined (as of March 2004) but the race is expected to take about two hours to complete. Competitors will need a mountain bike in good working order with an approved helmet, running shoes, and any water

or food they may need. An aide station will be provided.

- **Black Bear Bicycle Tour** – For over 50 years, canoeists have raced through the night from Grayling to Oscoda – 60 to 90 strokes per minute for over 14 hours after Saturday night's start – in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. On Sunday morning, 11 hours after the start of the AuSable Marathon, bicyclists participating in the 4th Annual Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour will leave Grayling in an attempt to catch the paddlers at the end of their overnight adventure at Oscoda.

Black Bear Bicycle Tour participants can ride the whole way to Oscoda or take one of the many looped courses that lead back to Grayling. The event is both a "race" and a "tour" – bicyclists can try to be the first one to Oscoda, or they can take their time and enjoy the scenery.

The objective of the Black Bear Bicycle Tour, according to event's organizer – the Grayling Rotary Club – is, "To increase the awareness of non-motorized opportunities within the AuSable River Corridor, to promote the construction of non-motorized enhancements along and adjacent to the river and its roadways, and to raise money for a few well-deserved charities."

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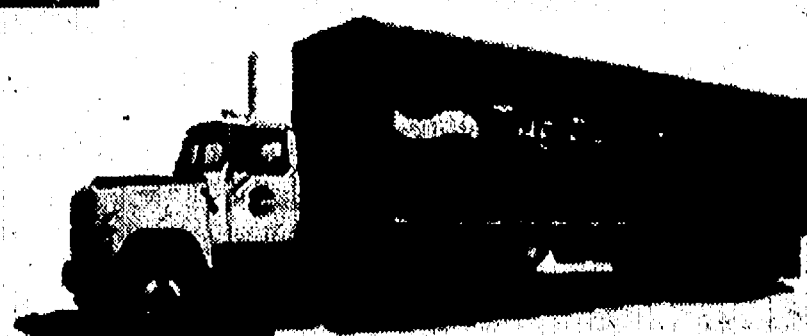
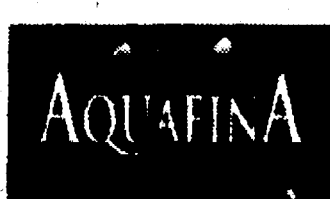
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ATVs: Know The Terrain

By Doris A. Black

Before purchasing an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), you should determine what the primary use of the vehicle is going to be. Do you plan to use it as a workhorse, a toy or both? There are two basic categories of ATVs: those designed for work and those designed for play.

The utility ATV or quad, as it is sometimes called, is built for use around the farm. It can be used for towing, hauling or carrying gear from point A to point B. Because of its heavy-duty uses, it is built with a number of mechanical components different than that of the leisure ATV. It has a stiffer suspension, a heavier and more stable drive shaft, a hardy transmission, large tires and very large racks that can carry up to 250 pounds. Because it is easy to drive and has a larger body for deflecting mud than a sport ATV, it can also be used for leisure purposes. Over 75% of all ATVs sold in America fall into this category. If a workhorse is what you need, you can't go wrong with a utility quad. Experts recommend models with automatic transmission for utility use or steep terrain. Four-wheel drive is also recommended to enable the vehicle to be used 12 months of the year, no matter what the weather conditions. It will even perform admirably through 10 inches of snow.

Comfort is an important consideration, if you're going to spend all day on the ATV. Be sure to sit in the model you're looking at before buying it. Larger men, those over 6'3" or 300 pounds, may want to purchase a larger model. Smaller models will pull the same weight and will most likely be comfortable for everyone else.

If pleasure is your goal, you might be happier with a sport ATV. Geared for power and speed, the vehicle is designed specifically for leisure use and provides maximum perfor-

mance. Its lightweight design, quick-response steering and small tires make it perfect for sharp turns and high jumps. It has no racks for hauling gear and no tow capabilities, but the suspension and throttle/clutch system provides the perfect combination of control for tight corners and hard landings. You'll get lots of mud, too, as the outer body is small. If you're purchasing your first sport ATV, experts recommend starting with a small model, such as the 300cc 4x4, and working your way up to the large 500cc 4x4. The difference in performance between the two is minimal. As with a utility vehicle, sit in the model you intend to buy. If you don't feel cramped and your knees aren't at more than a 90-degree angle, it's probably a good size for you.

In-between pure workhorse and play is the sport-utility vehicle. This all-terrain model does a little of both. Designed to carry and pull minimum weight loads, it is functional for many chores. Its mid-sized tires, mechanics and medium weight body provide excellent adventures for the leisure rider, as well.

Once you've purchased the ATV of your dreams, the next step is to take a safe driving course, mandatory in some states. Safety is the number one concern of ATV manufacturers. They invite and encourage anyone purchasing an ATV and their family members to take this free class. It not only covers the basics of ATV maneuverability over rough terrain and steep hills but also preps the driver on how to respond in emergency situations. Here are a few other safety tips:

- Drive safely. Contrary to what some people think, ATVs are safe vehicles when driven properly. Two-thirds of all accidents, for example, involve passengers. Most ATVs are not

designed to carry passengers. The additional weight of a passenger, even a child, can throw off the balance and response of the vehicle. Riders are strongly urged never to carry passengers on their ATV. If riding double is a necessity, you should upgrade to one of the newer models designed for two people.

- As with operating any motorized vehicle, don't drink or do drugs.

- Avoid riding on roads. ATVs are designed for soft surfaces. They handle differently on hard surfaces. ATVs also do not have turn signals and brake lights like other road vehicles, making them more likely to be the cause of accidents.

- Wear body protection. The most protective piece of gear the ATV rider can wear is a Department of Transportation approved motorcycle helmet. Helmets provide maximum protection against injury and debris, while goggles protect eyes against flying debris and dust. Blue jeans and long-sleeved shirts protect limbs against cuts and scrapes, sunburn and windburn, and help protect the body from more severe weather that could cause hypothermia or dehydration. Special riding boots of thick leather construction that extend over the shins provide maximum coverage, but if those are unappealing, boots that extend over the ankle to protect the foot and anklebones from injury are okay. They also provide the best footing on and off the ATV. For added protection, wear a riding jersey to absorb perspiration and elbow and knee pads and gloves.

As with any kind of vehicle, safety should come first. Whether you want an ATV for work or for fun, it is your responsibility to make safe and wise decisions, protecting both yourself and others.

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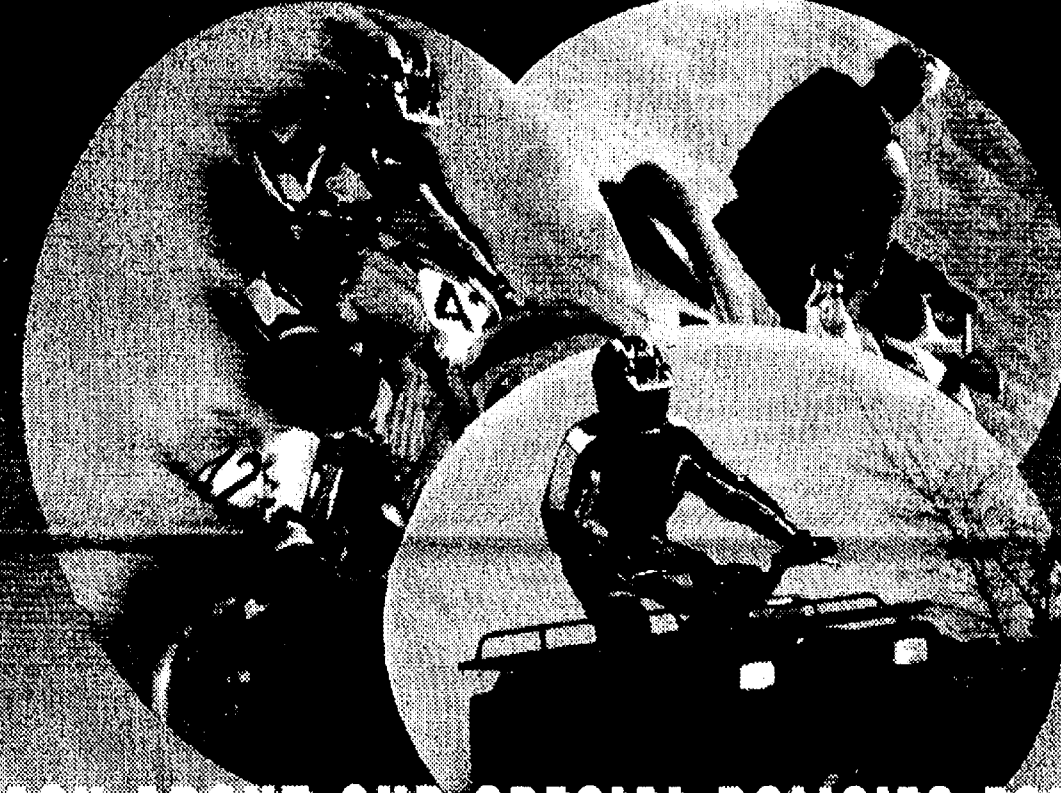
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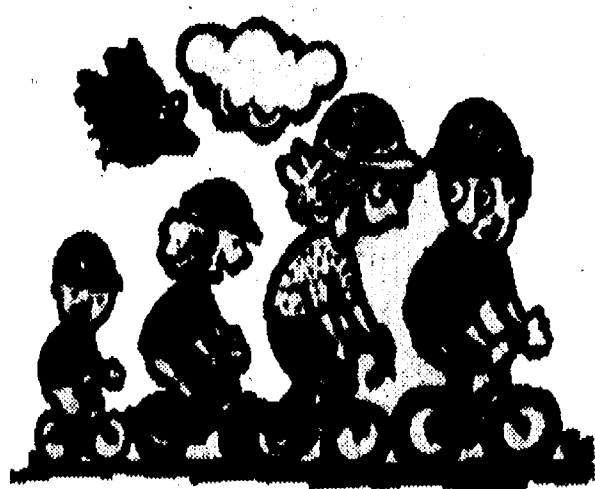
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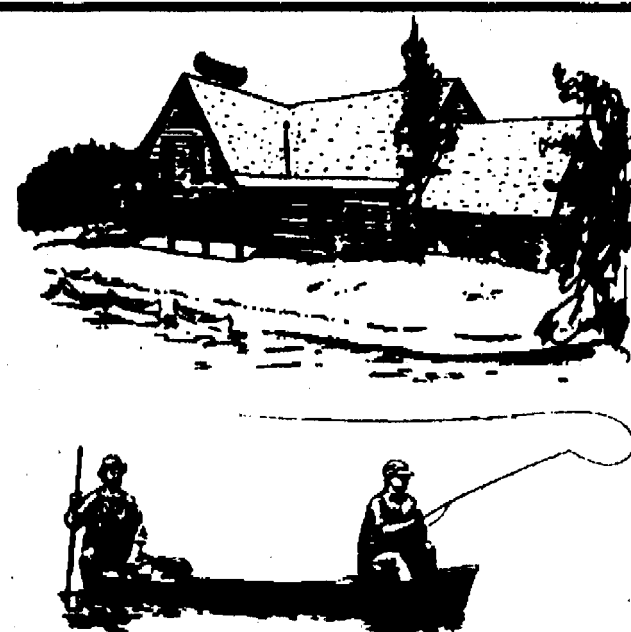
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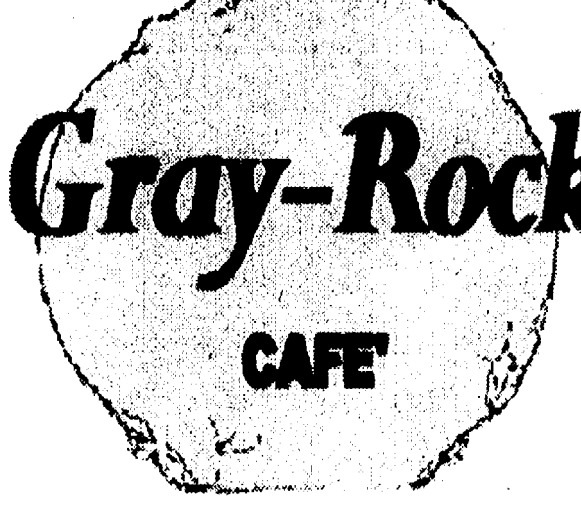
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Golf: It Started With A Stick

By Doris A. Black

A long time ago someone came up with the idea of hitting a small ball with a stick. Ever since man has been fasci-

nated with golf. The specific origins of golf have been lost over the years, but ball-and-stick games of all sorts have been popular since the medieval times. Forerunners of golf were called "palle-maille" in France and Italy where it was a street game played using a mallet and wooden ball. When the game traveled to Great Britain, it became so popular the Brits designed a court for it. During the 15th century in Belgium, the game was called "chole" and was played using a wooden ball and a spoon-shaped wooden club. In Holland, "colf" was played on ice with wooden balls, and later, leather balls stuffed with cow hair. As it gained in popularity, "colf" was moved indoors and the name was changed to "kolf." Even though they all used sticks/clubs and balls of some sort, these early games seldom resembled our modern game of golf. Many countries played the games, but it was Scotland where the modern game originated.

History tells us the earliest balls were made of wood. In Scotland, the townspeople played in the streets or open grassy areas of the village. In the 1600s, when less open space was available, the land along the coastlines became a more convenient place to play. The land was called "links" because it linked the coastline

to the more usable farmland inland. At the same time, wooden balls were replaced with leather bags stuffed with boiled feathers. Referred to as "featheries," they weren't very durable and were time consuming to produce, with the best craftsman making only four per day, causing them to be expensive. Players also began tinkering with the design of their sticks or clubs. Thin, long-shafted clubs were chosen for distance driving and shorter ones for short hops or to drive the ball downwind.

By the mid-1800s, the feather was replaced with the gutty. Made from parts of the gutta-percha tree, the gutty was heavier and more durable, but its smooth exterior caused unpredictable directional flight. It turned out that a used gutty, pockmarked by wear, performed better and soon guttys were made with a more irregular surface. Clubs changed, too, in order to better control the gutty. Heads were made bigger in depth and width and a brass striking plate was added.

In Scotland, inventor Coburn Haskell stumbled upon the rubber ball. He realized that its application to kolf would improve the game, as a rubber ball would fly much farther than the gutty. When combined with a hard, rough exterior, the

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Motorcycle Mania

By Doris A. Black

The first step in owning a motorcycle is learning how to ride one. This may sound easy, but it really isn't. Sure, balancing on two wheels is part of the process, and if you know how to ride a bicycle, you could probably keep a motorcycle from hitting the pavement. However, controlling a motorcycle and learning to coordinate the use of hand and foot movements is a complex task, especially in traffic where unexpected situations can arise.

Safe driving is the responsibility of all bikers. It takes knowledge and skill to safely control a motorcycle, which is why all motorcycle enthusiasts are required to pass a driving course in order to be licensed. Once these basic skills are mastered and the coordination of hand and foot movements, the technique of shifting body weight and the knowledge of stopping distance becomes second nature, purchasing a motorcycle may be an option.

How does one go about buying a motorcycle? If you're a novice, starting with a used bike is a good idea. As with purchasing any type of motor vehicle, a motorcycle can be a hefty investment, with minor repairs costing hundreds or thousands of dollars. Start by telling your friends that you're in the market for a used bike. If you're patient and wait for word to get around, at least one bike worth looking at is

bound to turn up. Another popular avenue these days is to purchase used bikes on the Internet. eBay, for example, is a very popular site where you can purchase a used motorcycle, but there are many other Internet sites available as well. It is wise to shop around for the best bargain before handing over your credit card.

What should you look for when buying a motorcycle? According to experts, a beginning motorcyclist should choose a lightweight bike. Lightweight bikes are easy to maneuver in tight spaces, break quicker and have faster recoverability in a prone situation. Experts suggest the first bike be in the 300- to 500-pound range. Engine performance and acceleration differs, even among similar models. Choosing the biggest, fastest engine is not a good idea for beginners who may accidentally cause the bike to lurch by jerking the throttle or clutch and lose control. Bikes with touchy controls should also be avoided. If you're in the market for a sport bike, choosing one that is 500cc or less is the best option. Bodywork on sport bikes can be very expensive to repair, with minor scratches costing more than you expect, so you might want to wait until after you pass the novice rider stage before buying a new one. Cruisers and touring bikes are gentle giants, usually manageable because the engine power is offset by the weight of the

bike. And almost any engine size will do on a standard motorcycle.

Managing the cost of a motorcycle is similar to that of other road vehicles. Good credit goes a long way and shopping around for the best loan rates will save you money in the long run. Insurance is also a major concern for motorcycle owners. You'll most likely need to get full coverage, which can be very costly, depending on the size of the engine and the type of bodywork. Your driving record also comes into play for insurance quotes, so shop around for the best rate. Carry a large deductible of at least \$250 to get lower monthly payments. Smaller bikes tend to get lower rates, so unless you really have to have that top performer, opt for a smaller model.

Annual maintenance for a motorcycle can be expensive. Most need a tune-up two or three times a year, but some high performers may need work twice as often. To minimize annual maintenance costs, professionals recommend riders take good care of their bikes and learn to do their own oil changes and basic checkups.

Remember, it's best to pick a bike designed for your skill level and upgrade later after you have become more experienced.

Drive safely and the emotional thrill of owning a motorcycle will last for years to come.

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rubber ball became the basis for today's modern golf balls.

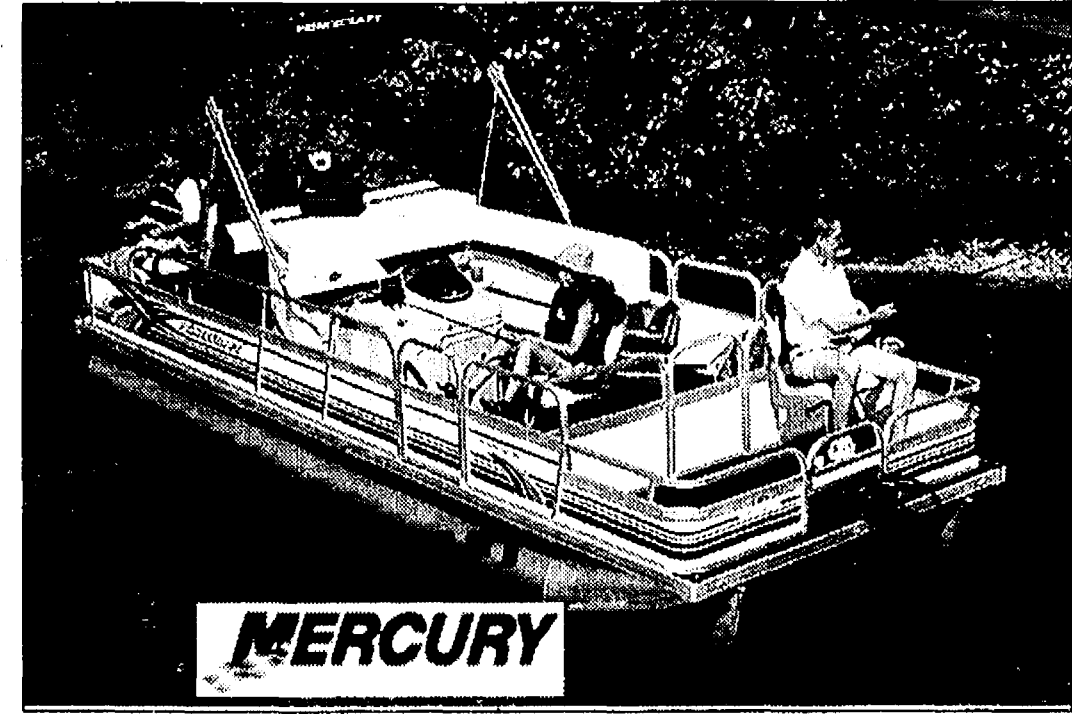
As the century wore on, clubs continued to change in design. Shafts were made of bamboo or ash and specific clubs, like the mashie, sand iron, driving cleek, niblick and putting cleek, were used by players under different circumstances.

The first golf courses were also a far cry from what we know today. There were no beautifully manicured lawns, golf carts or clubhouses to relax in afterwards. The links were mostly barren and inhabitable pieces of land, often windswept and sandy with no trees and a rugged terrain filled with rocks and crevices.

Using crude clubs and even cruder balls, it's a wonder the sport survived at all. But it did and it grew in popularity, coming to the United States in the late 1700s where it flourished.

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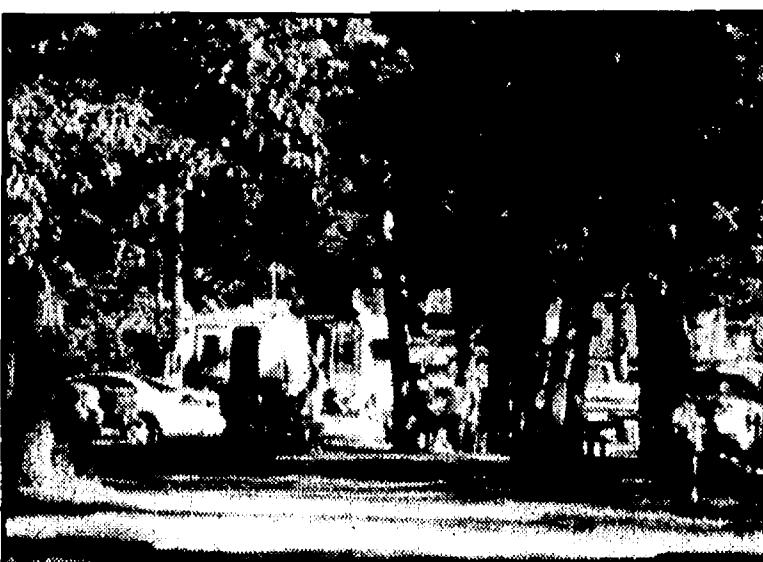
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Paintball: Outdoor Game Increases In Popularity

By Doris A. Black

Just imagine a bunch of grown men crawling, crouching and running around the woods, trying to shoot each other with paintballs. To some of us, this may sound silly, but to the thousands of players across the country who participate in this grown-up game of Capture the Flag, it's pure monumental fun.

Paintball got its start in 1981 when a group of friends got together, made up their own rules and played the game, using a paint gun they had purchased from a farm equipment catalog. That first game ended without a shot being fired, and in the years since, the sport has changed by leaps and bounds. Most notably, the paintballs are no longer filled with paint but with a more environmentally friendly mixture of water, soap and food coloring.

Today's games are often complex scenarios that can be based on any historical or fictional event. The most common version of paintball is Capture the Flag, which is comprised of two teams, two flag stations and two flags in opposite positions on the field or forest. There is usually a time limit (20 minutes is standard to keep the game moving) in which the opposing team's flag must be retrieved and returned to home base. Another variation is to

use one flag, place it in the center and have both teams work toward capturing it.

Paintball has also expanded to incorporate role-playing scenarios, such as Aliens vs. Humans. In this game, a few players start as aliens, and when hit, are out of the game. Meanwhile, the other players play humans until hit. Then, after the count of 10, they change sides and become aliens. Other scenario games can revolve around a movie theme or a real war conflict. They can replicate a medieval castle capture or a World War II rescue mission. Plots can be designed to take place in the future, past or present, even with players coming in costume. Some games use props, such as real Jeeps, special sound effects or lighting for night play. Often players are assigned specific roles to play and use code to communicate silently or by radio. Some games may incorporate the use of spies or double agents with points scored for completing a mission.

As with any sport, safety is the number one concern when participating in paintball. Although it stings a little when a paintball hits you, the only way to truly sustain injury is by not wearing the proper face protection. Experienced players know the wisdom in using paintball masks and goggles religiously. Experts recommend purchasing a good pair of goggles and a facemask designed for paintball. Paintball goggles are designed to withstand repeated hits at high force and should be worn at all times, even if dirty. If a player's view becomes obstructed, they should call a referee

for assistance or go to a safe zone. Experienced players know better than to wipe their goggles, as debris may rub against the lens, causing scratches. The best way to clean goggles is with water. Many players carry a spray bottle in their equipment bag specifically for this reason. Thermal lenses that won't fog are the goggles of choice for experienced players.

For attire, most players wear comfortable, loose-fitting camouflage clothing and sturdy, comfortable shoes with traction, such as lightweight hiking boots. You don't have to spend a lot of money on military surplus cammies to get the same effect. The purpose of camouflage is to allow the player to blend into the environment. A brown shirt and green pants will accomplish much the same effect. Hats are a good idea to minimize the amount of paint that ends up in your hair and gloves are another good accessory to hide skin. Remember, brown and green are key. Dressing appropriately for the weather will make the game infinitely more fun and layering clothes makes it easier to adjust comfort as the day goes on.

Paintball competition has evolved into big business. Regional games are played from coast to coast and often with hundreds or thousands showing up. Good teams gain sponsorship through successful competitions and often take home cash, but most paintball players play because they enjoy the physical and mental challenge of the game. They like meeting new people with similar interests and enjoy spending time outdoors.

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